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AUSTRALIA

BRIEFS

HOSPITAL DRUGS RAIDED--Two nursing sisters at Natimuk Hospital were abducted at gunpoint early Tuesday morning by a man who raided the hospital drug cabinet. Police said the man injected himself with about 15 milligrams of morphine after forcing Sisters Arnold and Crusgrove to unlock the cabinet shortly after midnight. They said he took all the addictive drugs and forced the sisters to go with him in one of their cars. They drove about 6 kilometres, then the man seemed to become confused and ordered the car back to the hospital. He then tied up the sisters and locked them in separate rooms. They eventually freed themselves and called the police. They have charged a 27-year-old Horsham man with burglary, kidnapping, and armed robbery. [Text] [Melbourne THE AGE in English 29 Mar 79 p 12]

MELBOURNE HEROIN IMPORTERS--Melbourne: Three people appeared in the City Court yesterday on charges related to the importation of about \$250,000 worth of heroin. Ismet Mehmedoff was charged with importing about 226 grams of heroin between February 3 and March 24. Fikret Mustaffof and Janice Lee Warren were charged with being knowingly concerned with the importation of heroin. Mustaffof was also charged with being in possession of a silencer and with not having a shooter's permit. Magistrate Gillman remanded the three till May 1. No pleas were taken. Janice Warren was allowed bail but Mr Gillman refused bail for the two men. [Text] [Perth THE WEST AUSTRALIAN in English 28 Mar 79 p 14]

HEROIN ADDICT JAILED--Mr Max Tanner told Waverley Court of Petty Sessions [on 29 March] that if his daughter was allowed on the streets she could kill herself. His daughter, Leanne Kay Tanner, 19, of Old South Head Road, Bellevue Hill, was charged with having used and possessed heroin at Bellevue Hill in January. She is also charged with having possessed and smoked Indian hemp during the same period. Mr Tanner told Mr B. Hayes, SM, that his daughter also had a drug charge pending at Central Court of Petty Sessions. "She has appeared at Central Court on a charge of possession and use of marihuana," Mr Tanner said. Mr Hayes refused bail and remanded Tanner to April 5. He said he was not pandering to Mr Tanner's whim but was doing what he thought correct on the evidence. [Excerpts] [Sydney THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD in English 30 Mar 79 p 3]

MARIHUANA GROWERS SENTENCED--Maryborough.--Three men who tapped the Hervey Bay water pipeline to irrigate their marihuana plants were jailed yesterday for terms of up to four years on charges of cultivating prohibited plants valued at \$9000. Allan John Godfrey, 21, unemployed of King Street, Howard, and Bevan John Staples, 23, unemployed, of the same address pleaded guilty in Maryborough Circuit Court to one charge each of having cultivated Indian hemp, and one charge each of having possessed it for sale. Robert Slack, 32, unemployed, of 326 Alice Street, Maryborough, pleaded guilty to a charge of having cultivated Indian hemp. The Crown Prosecutor, Mr. M. P. Irwin, told the court that Slack told police he, Slack, was involved in the cultivation of the plants in the belief that they were for the use of Godfrey and Staples and not for sale. Mr. Irwin said that an area 28 metres long and six metres wide was cultivated in a concealed part of bushland between the Torbanlea-Hervey Bay road and the Toogoom Road. [Excerpt] [Brisbane THE COURIER-MAIL in English 4 Apr 79 p 28]

COMPANY DIRECTOR CHARGED--A Surfers' Paradise company director was committed yesterday for Supreme Court trial on charges of having imported and possessed heroin. John Robson Gardiner, 32, of the Gold Coast Highway, was charged in the Magistrates' Court that, on March 1, he possessed without reasonable excuse prohibited narcotics, namely a quantity of heroin. A second charge alleged he imported heroin in contravention of the Customs Act. Mr. Purcell, S.M., committed Gardiner to the Supreme Court sittings beginning on April 23. Bureau of Customs preventive officer, Allan Norman Patterson Porteous, said he was on baggage duty at Brisbane International Airport on March 1 when Gardiner, who arrived on a Qantas flight was given a body search. When Gardiner removed his coat and trousers, Porteous said he noticed a number of bulges inside swim trunks he was wearing. Gardiner removed 27 plastic packages containing grey granulated substance. Science Department chemist Jane Noela Watson said analysis of samples from 27 plastic bags handed to her showed the material to be impure heroin and caffeine. A breakdown showed it contained 44 per percent heroin base. The total weight in the 27 packages was 302 grams, including 133 grams of pure heroin. [Excerpt] [Brisbane THE COURIER-MAIL in English 11 Apr 79 p 22]

MUSICIANS ON PROBATION--Three members of a Sydney rock band were put on probation at Brisbane Magistrate's Court on Thursday on charges of having possessed dangerous drugs. John Ignacious Trapaga, 21, vocalist, Michael John Parks, 24, musician, and William Joseph O'Riordon, 22, musician, pleaded guilty to having been in possession of the dangerous drug mandrax last December 6. Trapaga also pleaded guilty to having possessed cannabis on the same date and Parks pleaded guilty to having possessed a drug pipe. All of Sydney, they are members of the Jimmy and the Boys band. Mr. R. R. Brewer (for the musicians) told the court the group had a bright future, with the prospect of going to the United States. United States immigration officers treated drug convictions seriously and a conviction in Queensland could jeopardise their

chances of entering the country, Mr. Brewer said. Mr. Bourgoirne, S.M., said that under the circumstances, with a little reluctance, he would grant them each two years' probation, which probably would cause them more trouble than a small fine. [Text] [Brisbane THE COURIER-MAIL in English 14 Apr 79 p 9]

BURIED HEROIN DISCOVERED--A bricklayer allegedly told police he was to receive money to deliver heroin to people in the Brisbane area, the Magistrate's Court was told yesterday. Senior Sergeant T.J. Wightman said John Robert Conway, 25, of Diamond Street, Alexandra Hills, told police he was to receive \$100 for each bag of heroin delivered. Conway did not enter a plea to a charge of having possessed heroin on Sunday for an illegal purpose. Senior Sergeant Wightman said the police case would be that a group of children saw a man burying something at Belmont. The father of one of them recovered a jar containing 10 plastic bags and eight foil parcels. Police believed these held 283 grams of heroin. Conway was located at the scene on Sunday afternoon and admitted the material was heroin, Senior Sergeant Wightman said. Mr. T. Quinn (for Conway) said Conway had acted as a courier only and had no substantive involvement. Mr. Ashfield remanded Conway to April 26 for mention on \$2000 self bail with similar sureties. [Text] [Brisbane THE COURIER-MAIL in English 17 Apr 79 p 17]

MELBOURNE TRAFFICKER SENTENCED--An importer of South American art and handicrafts was yesterday sentenced to six years' jail for trafficking in heroin. Judge Somerville in the County Court was told the man had collected a parcel containing 5.5 grams of pure heroin and \$1000 in cash from the Ansett air cargo terminal on October 26, 1977. Judge Somerville said: "It was a deliberate act in the course of trafficking in heroin." Jed Elem, 31, of Eildon Court, St. Kilda, was found guilty by a jury of having trafficked in a drug of addiction. Judge Somerville was told the parcel held 28.38 grams of white powder--5.5 grams of it was pure heroin. It had a street value of \$5600. Elem was sentenced to six years with a no parole term of four years. [Excerpts] [Melbourne THE AGE in English 11 Apr 79 p 18]

DRUGS THEFT--Two bandits held up a chemist shop in West Brunswick last night and escaped with a small quantity of money and drugs. Police said the bandits, both in their early 20s, menaced the shop owner before escaping at 8.15 p.m. One carried a sawn-off rifle and the other a large spanner. [Text] [Melbourne THE AGE in English 11 Apr 79 p 3]

HEROIN BUST--Two men, who police say are linked to one of the biggest heroin rings in Australia, were remanded in custody until Friday in Sydney Central Court today. One of the men, (Chris Malanian), a 41-year-old company director of (McManns) Point in Sydney, is charged with supplying heroin. The other, (Gerald Kron), aged 49 of Bondi, is charged with supplying and possessing heroin. No pleas were taken today. The police prosecutor said the men were arrested over the weekend following a seizure last week of 14 grams of heroin worth \$750,000. One of the men, (Kron), asked for bail today but was refused. [Text] [Melbourne Overseas Service in English 1230 GMT 14 May 79 OW]

BIG HEROIN HAUL--Three men are appearing in Sydney Central Court today charged with importing more than 2 kilograms of heroin into Australia. Police say the drugs have a street value of about \$100,000 making it one of the biggest heroin hauls ever made in Australia. One of the men is from Singapore. [Text] [Melbourne Overseas Service in English 0500 GMT 11 May 79 OW]

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BRIEFS

HEROIN GANG LEADER HELD--Rangoon, 18 April--Members of the Drug Suppression Squad, as directed by Inspector U Tha U of the Criminal Investigation Bureau of Rangoon Division People's Police Force, raided the house of Ko Myint Thein at No. 3 West Road, Hluttaw Ward, Thuwanna township, last night and seized from the clothing trunk of Ko Sein Win a package of heroin worth 400 kyat, another package of heroin worth 300 kyat and three more packages of heroin worth 200 kyat each. They also seized a penicillin bottle used in measuring heroin. Questioned by the police, Ko Sein Win said that the heroin belonged to amputee Tun Shwe of Kyantkhaingye Road, Taunggyi, who was a heroin gang leader. Acting on Sein Win's testimony, the police searched Than U of the 11th Street, Lanmadaw, and seized a package of heroin worth 50 kyat from him. The police also seized four packages of heroin worth 25 kyat each from Shwe Win, who works at the Burma Airways Corporation Office, at the corner of the Strand Road of Kyauktada township and the 38th Street. The police have taken action against amputee Tun Shwe, Ko Myint Thein, Ko Sein Win and Than U under Sections 6 (B), 10 (B), 11 and 14 of the Narcotic Drugs Law. SW/ [Text] [Rangoon LOKTHA PYEITHU NEZIN in Burmese 19 Apr 79 p 8 BK]

OPIUM, SANDALWOOD SMUGGLERS--Pinlebu, 18 April--The second column of "Operation Maga" led by U San Maung, executive of the Pinlebu township people's council who is in charge of security, and U Aung Baw, chairman of the Wayutha village tract people's council, arrested about 70 opium and sandalwood smugglers at the junction near Hkamti river on the border of Pinlebu and Paungbyin townships on 8 April. U Aye Maung of In village in Katha township, U Tin Aung of Pwezabeik village in Mabein township, Mzung Tun Nyein of Maugon village in Mabein township, and Ko Aung Kyaing of Nan-kat village in Maymyo township were arrested along with 26.4 viss [1 viss equals 3.6 lbs] of sandalwood. They also seized 1 viss of raw opium from Kon Aung Min of Kyudaw village in Kawlin township and Maung Chit Win of Mandan village in Pinlebu township and 5 viss of ownerless raw opium. SW/ [Text] [Rangoon LOKTHA PYEITHU NEZIN in Burmese 20 Apr 79 p 4 BK]

HEROIN LIQUID SEIZED--Mandalay, 18 April--Commander U Maung Htwe of Police Station No 8, ward councillors U Maung Maung and U Thet Tun, and party seized 16 packages of heroin worth 10 kyat each belonging to Than Tun and

Maung Phone from the house of Than Tun in Hayma-zala ward, Northeast Mandalay township, in the evening of 14 April. Action was taken against them under Sections 6 (B) and 10 (B) [of the Narcotic Drugs Law]. U Thein Tun, commander of the Drug Suppression Unit of Mandalay Division Police Force, U Nyunt Shwe and party, accompanied by councillors of East Chan-aye-tha-zan ward, searched the house of 22-year old Maung Ah Yut and Ma Saing Tun Bi at Lai-Lar compound in the evening of 13 April and seized half-bottle of heroin liquid and two pipes worth over 5,000 kyat. Charges have been filed against them under Section 6 (B) and 10 (B) [of the Narcotics Drugs Law.] [Text] [Rangoon LOKTHA PYETHU NEZIN in Burmese 22 Apr 79 p 5 BK]

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HONG KONG

DRUGS LAND THREE IN JAIL

Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 21 Apr 79 p 8

[Text]

Three men were each sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment in the High Court yesterday for manufacturing heroin and possession of \$1.5 million worth of drugs for the purpose of unlawful trafficking.

Mr Justice O'Connor said he viewed the offences in a grave light for "the end product of these offences is not just the heroin but the human lives of those who get the drugs."

Lin Chak-hung (35), Ma Ting-kit (36) and Lin Chor-hing (34) each received 12 years on a charge of manufacturing the dangerous drugs and nine years for possession of the drugs for unlawful trafficking.

The sentences are to run concurrently.

A jury of four men and three women found the three defendants guilty after deliberating for four hours.

It was stated in the trial

that two of the defendants were caught by police as they were fleeing from a building in Kimberley Road on July 30 last year during a raid.

Drugs were found in the bedroom of a flat on the ninth floor of the building.

Equipment for the manufacture of drugs had been set up.

A stove was burning and the heroin was in the drying stage.

Police later arrested Lin Chor-hing and found in his home three metal basins, a steel boiler and some clothes which had traces of dangerous drugs.

Fingerprints of all three defendants were also found on the equipment in the Kimberley Road premises.

Mr Ming Huang defended Lin Chak-hung and Ma Ting-kit and Mr David Sparrow appeared for Lin Chor-hing.

Crown counsel Michael Sinclair prosecuted

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HONG KONG

INCREASED CANNABIS USE CAUSES CONCERN

Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 23 Apr 79 p 12

[Article from "Monday Focus" column by Tommy Lewis and James Wong]

[Text]

Anti-narcotics agents are taking a serious look at the increasing trend in cannabis trafficking and abuses.

There are strong indications that local organised groups are involved in the lucrative business.

They are also concerned with the users who take cannabis with the misconception it, unlike heroin, is harmless.

Many users, unaware of the effects of the drug, take cannabis for recreational purposes, while others think they can derive an idyllic, pastoral fantasy from it.

Two large seizures of cannabis, worth more than \$1 million, by the Narcotics Bureau and Customs officers recently led them to believe that there is an increased use of the drug.

More attention is now being given to overcome the problem.

The misconception that cannabis is innocuous and essentially harmless has recently been dismissed by a leading Canadian medical sociologist, Mr Andre McNicoll.

Mr McNicoll is a consultant on drug abuse prevention to two Canadian provincial governments and several other private agencies in Canada and the United

States.

He said in a report he has compiled on the problem that there is evidence that contrary to widely-publicised

propaganda, cannabis — marijuana and hashish — is highly toxic and poses a major threat to public health and to the social fabric.

In the report, it was revealed that in marijuana, the average concentration of THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) — its main psychoactive ingredient — is one to three per cent and in hashish four to eight per cent.

An average marijuana cigarette contains about 10 to 30 mgs of THC.

But it is estimated that five to 10 mgs of THC will result in cannabis intoxication.

And with only casual consumption, the report said there is a possibility of a transient psychosis involving intense anxiety, panic and depression.

The effects of long term use include mental confusion, poor concentration and difficulty in concept formation and recent memory.

Other effects noted are a false impression of calm and well-being, magical thinking, loss of motivation and ego disturbances leading to delu-

sional paranoid ideation.

The report also said prolonged use can produce damages to a person's brain, lungs, as well as reproductive system.

Mr McNicoll went on to say that with repeated marijuana intoxication, a person will exhaust his ability to respond creatively to the environment, suffers a progressive loss of his critical and intellectual capacity and eventually slips into a more primitive mental state.

He estimated that 20 per cent of those who experiment with hashish or marijuana will experience a psychosis and require professional psychiatric care.

The report also said many marijuana users graduate to the use of LSD, amphetamines or heroin which cause even more serious damage to the user.

Another harmful effect, it said, is that cannabis taking will make the user maintain a low level of performance and loss of ambition, thereby contributing to the inability of the society to progress.

Although some reports said cannabis could be useful to prevent nausea in cancer patients and treat glaucoma, there is no strong evidence to support them, it said.

HONG KONG

POLICE NARCOTICS AMBUSH PAYS OFF

Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 22 Apr 79 pp 1,8

[Text]

Narcotics Bureau detectives have uncovered what they believe to be a heroin storage centre belonging to a newly-formed group of traffickers.

The detectives seized 15 lbs of No 3 heroin worth \$675,000 when they raided the premises in a Tokwawan Road flat.

Two Chiu Chow men and a woman, the wife of one of the men, were arrested during the raid.

The men were last night being detained for further inquiries while the woman was granted police bail on humanitarian grounds as she has a young baby to care for.

The heroin operation was uncovered by detectives working under Superintendent Dick Williamson.

During their raid the detectives also found 75 lbs of chemicals including caffeine and sodium carbonate which

are used in diluting high grade heroin for street-level sales to addicts.

A quantity of seized liquid believed to be an acid was sent to the Government Chemist for analysis.

The raid on the flat followed three months of protracted investigations by the Narcotics Bureau involving a combination of intelligence operations, information received and rumours.

Detectives, led by Chief Inspector Yeung Kwing, laid an ambush outside the flat late Friday night and arrested two men as they were leaving.

Detectives took them inside where they found the woman and her one-year-old baby in a cubicle.

They searched the flat and first found a small quantity of heroin in the living room.

Then in one of the cubicles they found a box containing the 15 lbs of heroin.

In the same cubicle, the drums of chemicals usually associated with the manufacture of heroin were also seized.

Detectives believe that the "principal" of the new drug group is already in custody. They also believe the group has been supplying addicts on both sides of the harbour in recent months.

They also believe that the seized heroin had not been recently smuggled into Hong Kong, but was "old stock" which had been hidden for some time.

Early yesterday morning, detectives conducted three follow-up raids in Kowloon but no further seizures or arrests were made.

The heroin seizure was the second made by the bureau in the last 14 days.

Two weeks ago, detectives intercepted a car in Connaught Road West and seized 20 lbs of No 3 heroin. Two men were arrested.

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HONG KONG

RAIDS CRACK DOWN ON VICE

Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 23 Apr 79 p 12

[Text]

The police carried out 4,106 raids on illegal gambling establishments, vice dens and drug dens last month.

A spokesman said yesterday that these operations led to the arrest of 1,895 people, who were subsequently brought to court on various charges.

He said there were 1,319 gambling raids conducted resulting in the arrest of 1,209 people and more than \$118,000 in stake money seized.

On the anti-drug front, the spokesman said 530 people were rounded up during 1,461 raids on premises and search operations in the streets.

Drug seizures, he said, included 446 grammes of pre-

pared opium, 1,105 grammes of raw opium, 8,640 grammes of heroin, 1,816 grammes of cannabis and 33 grammes of morphine.

As for the crack down on vice dens, the spokesman said that 1,326 raids were carried out, leading to the arrest of 156 people with 738 pornographic publications and 52 reels of blue films seized.

Those arrested were charged with soliciting for an immoral purpose, living on immoral earnings, operating an unlicensed massage establishment or a brothel, aiding and abetting in the operation of a vice den and offences connected with objectionable publications and pornography.

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HONG KONG

DRUGS CASE MAGISTRATE GETS LETTER

Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 26 Apr 79 p 13

[Text]

Mr R.S. Sanders disclosed in San Po Kong Court yesterday that he had received an unsigned letter in relation to the case of three students charged with possession of dangerous drugs.

He said the letter, probably written by a parent, tried to influence him in passing sentence, and added that he had set it aside and had not taken any notice of it.

Mr Anthony Sedgwick, who represented one of the defendants, Tracy Denise Hemphill (18), an American, told Mr Sanders that since the three defendants appeared in court and the publicity given in the press, about 300 parents of the Hongkong International School had held a meeting.

The defendants' parents voluntarily attended and assured the meeting that there would not be a repetition of such offences.

The headmaster of the school, who was also present, was impressed by their gestures, Mr Sedgwick added.

The other two defendants were David Kevin Kwok (18), American, and Richard Haydon van Dusen (17), Canadian.

All three pleaded guilty to the charges at the previous hearing.

Mr Sanders, after reading the probation officers' reports, said they were very favourable and that the defendants were secure and came from good families.

But he ordered that convictions be recorded against them so as to deter others from committing such offences.

He said the defendants

knew of the risk involved and yet they took it and got caught.

Bringing cannabis in was bad enough but trying to smoke heroin was stupid, he added.

Mr Sanders fined Hemphill \$1,000 for possession of 29.2 grams of cannabis, and Kwok \$1,000 for possession of 5.9 grams of cannabis and a pipe fit for smoking the drug.

Van Dusen was fined \$500 and placed on a \$500 good behaviour bond for 12 months for possession of 17.5 grams of cannabis and 0.02 grams of heroin.

It was stated at the last hearing that the defendants were arrested at Kai Tak airport on April 7 when they returned with a party of students and teachers from a week's tour of Thailand.

Mr R.G. Edwards appeared for Kwok and Mr Robert Wang for van Dusen.

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HONG KONG

OPIUM FOUND ON FREIGHTER

Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 28 Apr 79 p 1

[Text] Customs officers yesterday hit the "Pakistani Connection" for the second time in a month when they seized 64 kgs of raw opium on board a freighter from Karachi.

The opium, when prepared, would have an estimated street value of \$2 million.

About 20 customs officers boarded for a routine check of the 8,000-ton United Viscount--flying a Singapore flag--shortly after it arrived at 4 am.

After searching for three hours, they found 19 bags containing 77 lbs of opium hidden in the sacks of scrap metal strapped to the deck.

The officers called in reinforcements to intensify the search and about an hour later found more opium wrapped in 24 smaller bags in a chest of drawers in an unoccupied cabin.

There are 42 people on board the United Viscount--mainly families of its Pakistani and Indian crew members.

The ship had only general cargo manifested.

Superintendent Frank Greenhalgh of the Customs and Excise Service said the people on board will not be detained unless they can be directly linked with the seizure.

"Under the present law we cannot charge anybody unless we can actually pin-point them with the crime," he said.

"If the ship wants to sail we will let it sail."

But, he added, that searches and investigations will continue until the ship leaves.

According to a spokesman for its agents, Gulfeast (HK) Ltd, the freighter is scheduled to leave for Japan tomorrow.

He added that this was the first visit of the ship to Hongkong.

Customs officers said they believe the opium was intended for street sale in Hongkong and that it had been grown in Pakistan.

Supt Greenhalgh said it was the biggest opium haul in more than a year.



Supt Greenhalgh and his officers inspecting the drugs found on board the ship.

Supt Greenhalgh

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HONG KONG

HEROIN EARNS EIGHT YEAR SENTENCE

Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 1 May 79 p 10

[Text]

A former plastics factory operator was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment in the High Court yesterday for possessing a quantity of dangerous drugs and doing an act preparatory to the manufacture of dangerous drugs.

The defendant Chow Sau-mo (44) was jointly charged with his wife, Law Chau-hing (38), before Mr Justice Trainor.

Chow pleaded guilty to possessing two pounds of heroin base for the purpose of unlawful trafficking and another charge of doing an act preparatory to or for the purpose of manufacturing dangerous drugs and was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment on each charge, the sentences to run concurrently.

The Crown offered no evidence against Chow's wife and she was released.

The court was told that on November 8 police carried out a surveillance operation near Chow's flat in Fei Fung Street, Tsz Wan Shan.

He was seen going into a metal shop to have a sieve made.

The following day police called on Chow's home.

Chow's wife did not allow the police in and while they were trying to break open the door with a crowbar, another officer keeping watch at the rear of the flat saw Chow at the rear window holding a plastic bag and trying to open the iron bars of the window.

The officer shouted at him and he retreated.

When police gained entry into the flat they found Chow in the toilet.

He was trying to dispose of various chemicals by flushing them down the toilet.

Police seized two pounds of heroin base, six pounds of caffeine and other chemicals.

They also found in a bedroom four metal basins and a sieve.

The drugs if converted into heroin would have a market value of \$265,000.

Defence counsel, Mr A. M. Niamtullah, submitted in mitigation that it was not one of the cases where large quantities of drugs were involved, that manufacture was of a very large scale.

Counsel said, Chow operated a plastics factory in 1970, but in 1975 his factory was closed due to financial problems.

Sometime before the police raid he had borrowed some money from a friend and on November 9, the friend came to his home and left a parcel with him.

Counsel asked the court to temper justice with mercy in view of his family circumstances, that he had three children aged two to seven and had no previous criminal record.

Mr Niamtullah was instructed by Ip, Ku and Stoppe.

Crown counsel, Stuart Cotsen prosecuted.

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HONG KONG

WEALTHY BRITISH BUSINESSMAN CHARGED IN DRUGS CASE

Drugs Seized in Tsimshatsui

Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 26 Apr 79 p 1

[Article by James Wong]

[Text]

A wealthy British businessman was last night charged in connection with a police seizure of an assortment of drugs from a Tsimshatsui flat.

Peter Howard Lewis (39), managing director of a Central toy export firm, BARTER (HK) Ltd, was charged with the possession of dangerous drugs for the purpose of unlawful trafficking.

He is expected to appear before the South Kowloon Court today.

Officers said yesterday the drugs seized were cannabis, marijuana, heroin, opium, hashish, mandrax, LSD and cocaine.

It was the first seizure of cocaine in Hongkong since the mid-1950s.

However, officers were not able to give an estimated value of the drugs seized as a number of them were in small quantities or not available in the local market.

Besides the drugs, a large quantity of paraphernalia used for the sniffing of cocaine and smoking of cannabis was found in a briefcase in the Tsimshatsui flat.

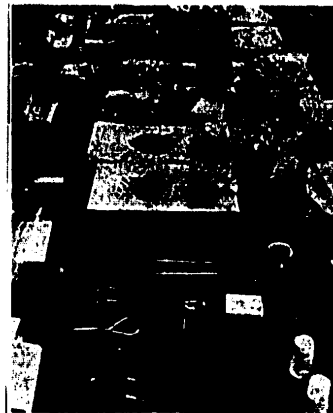
Also seized were a quantity of tablets, refill paper, pornographic pictures and sex toys.

The drugs will be taken to a Government Chemist for analysis and verification.

Officers said investigations into the case began recently when they received information about the drugs.

A party of 15 officers, led by Chief Inspector Chris Cantley, went to a 12th floor residential flat in Mansion Building, Nathan Road, at about 7 pm on Tuesday.

Inside, officers found a brown-coloured leather briefcase which contained the drugs and smoking equipment after a brief search.



Some of the drugs seized at the flat are displayed at Police Headquarters.

Among the drugs seized were about 100 sticks of cannabis, estimated to value \$5,000.

Officers believed the Tsimshatsui flat could be used by a group of people for certain social functions.

They were last night checking on the flat's ownership and the sources of the seized drugs.

Following the seizure, officers hoped that Lewis could be of assistance to their inquiries and began looking for him.

Meanwhile, officers raided his luxurious home in Turtle Cove, Villas, Tytan, and his office in Central.

However, no further drugs were seized in the raids.

Officers only took away a number of documents from the two addresses.

At about 3 pm, Lewis, accompanied by his lawyer, surrendered to the Narcotics Bureau in Police Headquarters.

Ball Is Set

Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST In English 27 Apr 79 p 1

[Text]

A 39-year-old British businessman, Peter Howard Lewis, appeared before Mr M.W.M. Chism at South Kowloon Court yesterday on a charge of possessing dangerous drugs for the purpose of unlawful trafficking.

It is alleged that on Wednesday, Lewis had in his possession a quantity of dangerous drugs in a flat in Mansion Building, 72-74 Nathan Road, Tsimshatsui.

Detective Inspector W.S. Mutch of the Narcotics Bureau applied for the case to be adjourned for three weeks, saying that the drugs seized were of various kinds and it would take some time to have them analysed.

Mr Charles Stansfield, who represented Lewis, raised no objection to the adjournment.

No plea was taken and Lewis's \$10,000 bail was extended.

The court was also told that he had already surrendered his passport to the police.

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HONG KONG

BRIEFS

HEROIN IN WASHING MACHINE--Following the discovery by police of heroin in a washing machine in a Happy Valley flat two men and a woman were tried in Victoria District Court on charges of possession of heroin for trafficking and possession of an instrument for injecting drugs. They were Yung Shingtak (30), a nightclub captain, his wife, Leung So-fong (21), and Lam Pui-fai (25), a parttime cook. Yung was also charged with permitting premises of which he was the tenant to be used for the storage of drugs. When the trial ended yesterday Judge Liu, QC, reserved his verdict until Tuesday. Police evidence was that a flat in Gold Mine Building, Happy Valley, was raided on December 14 and a packet containing 1.4 grams of heroin together with a hypodermic syringe were found in a washing machine. Yung was the tenant of the flat and Lam was a friend who had been staying with him for three weeks because he was short of money. Lam confessed to police that the drugs were his. But in court he said he confessed because Yung asked him to take the blame since he was a single man. Mr John Bleach appeared for the Crown, Mr Michael Winter for Yung and his wife and Mr Jonathan Midgley for Lam. [Text] [Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 21 Apr 79 p 8]

WHO SPONSORS DRUG COURSE--A four-week training course sponsored by the World Health Organisation and designed to promote the treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts is scheduled to take place in Hongkong later this year. This was disclosed yesterday by the head of the WHO's Drug Dependence Programme, Dr Awni Arif, who ends his week-long stay today. "I have had the opportunity of seeing the whole range of Hongkong's treatment and rehabilitation programmes during my visit and have been impressed with the organisation and management and the dedication of those responsible for them," he said. Hongkong's involvement in the WHO project was first raised last year during discussions held between Dr Arif and the Commissioner for Narcotics, Mr Peter Lee, at the Fifth Special Session of the United Nations Commission on Narcotics in Geneva. Topics at the training session will include the medical, behavioural and social treatment of drug dependence, families and community interventions, education and prevention, legislation and training skills. Trainees

attending the course, which has been scheduled for October, will be medical doctors representing various Southeast Asian and Mediterranean countries. Dr Arif will attend a WHO meeting in Penang, Malaysia, before returning to his headquarters in Geneva. [Text] [Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 21 Apr 79 p 7]

HEROIN CHARGE--A 32-year old man, Lam Sek-tin, appeared before Mr R. S. Sanders at Sai Po Kong Court yesterday on a charge of possession of dangerous drugs for the purpose of unlawful trafficking. Lam is accused of having a large quantity of suspected heroin in a flat in Tokwawan Road on Friday. No plea was taken and Lam was remanded in jail custody for a week pending a chemist's report. [Text] [Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 24 Apr 79 p 10]

COUPLE FREED ON CHARGE--Yung Shing-tak (30) and his wife, Leung So-fong (21), were acquitted by Judge Liu, QC, in Victoria District Court yesterday of charges of possession of heroin for unlawful trafficking and possession of an instrument for injecting drugs. A third accused, Lam Pui-fai (25), was convicted and sentence was deferred until May 9 for probation reports. During the trial the court was told that police in a raid on a flat in Gold Mine Building, Happy Valley, found 1.4 grams of heroin and a hypodermic syringe. Yung was also acquitted of a charge of permitting his rented premises to be used for the storage of drugs. Mr John Bleach appeared for the Crown, Mr Michael Winter for Yung and his wife, and Mr Jonathan Midgley for Lam. [Text] [Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 25 Apr 79 p 9]

DRUGS FOUND IN GUTTER--A 42-year-old man threw out from his second floor flat packets of dangerous drugs as a police raiding party was waiting outside, it was alleged in the High Court yesterday. On trial before Mr Justice Leonard and a jury of six men and one woman was Wu Manchoi who was charged with possession of 2,083.3 grams of a mixture containing 494.1 grams of salts of esters of morphine for the purpose of unlawful trafficking. The drug was worth \$200,000. The court was told that a police party went to Wu's flat in Hillwood Road, Kowloon, about 4 pm on September 17, 1977. Wu answered the door. However, on seeing the police, he closed the door again, saying he was going to fetch the keys to open the grille. While waiting outside, the police heard something being thrown out of the flat. Wu later returned to let the party in. Packets of dangerous drugs were subsequently found on the awning of the first floor and a gutter outside the building. Hearing continues today. Mr John Bleach is defending Wu on the instructions of Haldane and Co. Crown counsel Michael Lunn is prosecuting. [Text] [Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 27 Apr 79 p 13]

SEVEN HELD IN RAIDS--Mongkok police yesterday arrested seven people during a series of drug raids at Mei Foo Sun Chuen. They also seized 2-1/2 lbs of prepared and raw opium. Four men and a woman were arrested in a flat at 7C Hubert Street and a couple were arrested at 35B Broadway Street. The seven are expected to appear in North Kowloon Court today. [Text] [Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 27 Apr 79 p 1]

PAINTER DENIES TRAFFICKING--Police who searched a room in a housing block in Chaiwan estate found 1.3 grams of heroin and a hypodermic syringe in the pocket of a blue denim shirt, Judge Hooper was told in Victoria District Court yesterday. Leung Cheung-ping (31), housepainter, pleaded not guilty to possession of drugs for unlawful trafficking but guilty to possession of an instrument for injecting drugs. Police constable Tsang Chung-fai told the court that at 8 am on January 30 a police party raided a room in the Chaiwan estate. Leung was sitting on a lower bunk. His brother was also there. Hanging around the bunk was a quantity of clothes. Police searched the clothing and found two phials of a mixture containing the heroin in the pocket of a shirt. They also found the syringe. The trial continues today. Mr Michael Bunting appears for the Crown, and Mr Ronald Tong for the defence. [Text] [Hong Kong SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST in English 3 May 79 p 10]

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INDIA

BRIEFS

HASHISH IN CANDLESTICKS--New Delhi, April 25 (AFP)--Customs officials at Delhi's Palam Airport today seized a large quantity of hashish concealed in hollow brass candle stands bound for West Germany. The hashish, worth about 400,000 rupees (50,000 US dollars), was booked by an Indian exporter, through a travel agency. H. S. Bhtani, superintendent of customs said that the shape, the size and the weight of the candle stands, numbering about 200, created doubts in their minds. A candle stand was first opened up and was found to contain hashish. Later, all the candle stands were opened and all of them were found to contain the drug, he added. [Text] [Hong Kong AFP in English 1411 GMT 25 Apr 79 BK]

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JAPAN

BRIEFS

ROK-HAKATA SMUGGLING ROUTE--Fukuoka, 4 May--Fukuoka Prefecture police arrested a South Korean seaman here Thursday who was carrying 1.05 kilograms of stimulant drugs with a final street value of yen 315 million. Charged with violating the stimulant drug control act and customs laws was Paek To-ki, 47, deck chief of the fresh-fish transport vessel Chong Song which arrived at Hakata from Pusan on Tuesday. Police said that Paek, who had been marked as a possible drug carrier, left the ship Thursday with the drugs in two plastic bags taped to his legs. He was wandering around Hakata station of the Japan National Railways when picked up. Police said that it was the first time they had uncovered a drug smuggling route between South Korea and Hakata port. [Text] [Tokyo KYODO in English 0318 GMT 4 May 79 OW]

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PAKISTAN

CUT IN ILLICIT DRUGS DEMAND URGED

Quetta BALUCHISTAN TIMES in English 18 Apr 79 p 4

[Text] United Nations, April [word indistinct] Pledging full support to United Nations efforts in tackling drug problems, Pakistan last night emphasised the need for reducing illicit demand.

Speaking in a debate on the question of narcotic drugs, Mr. Azmat Hassan said that these efforts needed to be improved and intensified to reduce the availability of and demand for drugs on national, regional and global levels.

The discussion was held in the Social Committee of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in which the Commission on Narcotic drugs has submitted five draft resolutions. These, among other matters, deal with maintenance of a worldwide balance between the supply of narcotic drugs and the legitimate demand for those drugs for medical and scientific purposes and co-ordination in the field of drug abuse control.

Pakistan is a member of the Commission as well as the Sub-Commission on Illicit Drug Traffic in the Middle and Far East. Sahibzada Rauf Ali, head of the Pakistan Narcotic Control Board, attended the Commission's meetings in Geneva. Pakistan has also co-sponsored most of the Commission's resolutions.

In his speech to the committee, Mr. Azmat Hassan said that efforts needed to be improved and intensified to reduce the availability of and the demand for drugs on national, regional and global levels. The year 1978 marked the first five years of the Pakistan Narcotic Control Board which had made considerable strides in the fight against illicit drug trafficking in Pakistan. There were definite indications that in 1978 the activities of the Pakistan narcotic Control Board prevented the movement of raw opium from the production area to a considerable extent.

He noted a dollars 5.7 million multisectoral programme which Pakistan had initiated with the help of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control (UNFDAC) aimed at crop substitution, which, he said, had clearly demonstrated the feasibility of redirecting the economy of the poppy growing area without detriment to the social and economic life of the people.

Pakistan would spare no effort in co-operating effectively with the United Nations system in tackling drug problems, Mr. Hassan said. Increasing regional and international cooperation was a major component of the fight against international illicit traffic. Besides effective enforcement the best anti-dote to illicit traffic was the reduction in illegal demand.

Referring to the strategy adopted by his country in preventing the movement of opium and cannabis into illicit channels, the Pakistan delegate said the Commission had rightly noted that complete success of those efforts was totally dependent on "the consistent reduction of illicit demand elsewhere."--APP.

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PAKISTAN

BRIEFS

OPIUM, CHARAS SEIZED--Peshawar, April 17: The Customs authorities made the biggest ever haul of 68 maunds of opium and charas, worth about Rs. 50 crores in international market from a truck near Kohat Customs Checkpost this morning. Customs sources said that 41 maunds of opium and 27 maunds of charas was concealed under false floor and in other secret cavities. Two persons namely Mir Azam Khan and Gul Zaman, who were aboard the truck have been arrested. The contraband material was reportedly being transported from Darra Adamkhel to Kohat, for onward despatch to Karachi. Ten rolls of foreign cloth was also seized from the truck.--APP. [Text] [Quetta BALUCHISTAN TIMES in English 14 Apr 79 p 4]

OPIUM SEIZED--Peshawar, April 27: Over two lakh grams of contraband opium, valued at about rupees one crore was seized by the Customs' authorities in an operation on the Jamrud Road here today. The seizure also led to the arrest of three members of an international narcotic racketeers gang. They are Khitab Gul, Noor Jamal, Ali Baz customsources said that contraband opium was being smuggled down country, by a motor car owned by an Afghan national. It was concealed in secret cavities of the vehicle.--APP [Text] [Quetta BALUCHISTAN TIMES in English 28 Apr 79 p 1]

ARREST OF POPPY GROWERS--The NWFP Jama'at-e-Islami general secretary, Syed Manzur Hussain has called for stoppage of arrest of poppy cultivators in Swabi and imposition of heavy fines on them. In a Press statement, he said, that the authorities should first provide alternate means of livelihood to the poppy cultivators, before inflicting deterrent punishments on them. He appealed to the Provincial Government to intervene and tackle the problem tactfully to ensure that no political adventurist took advantage of the situation. [Text] [Peshawar KHYBER MAIL in English 23 Apr 79 p 6]

NARCOTICS RECOVERED--Opium, charas and poppy worth over Rs. 10 lakh was seized by the Peshawar Excise Staff in an operation near Jehangira on the G. T. Road on Tuesday. Official sources said that 5,000 grams of charas, 120 grams of opium, and seven and half maunds of poppy was recovered from two smugglers during a "Nakabandi". The accused Gul Rahim and Abdul Ghani have been arrested. [Text] [Peshawar KHYBER MAIL in English 25 Apr 79 p 1]

CHARAS SEIZED--Karachi, April 23: The Sind Excise and Taxation Department has recovered over 46 kilo charas from a house located in the Shah Faisal Colony, Orangi Town, says an official handout. The action was initiated by the department on receipt of secret information through a reliable source regarding unauthorised transaction of Charas. The Director Excise came to know that some unknown persons have brought certain bags of Charas from up-country and stored them in a house (words indistinct) in Orangi Town Sector 7. Teams were deputed accordingly to exercise constant watch, which subsequently succeeded in recovering the import quality charas worth about Rs. 10 million. The persons involved, however, could not be arrested and efforts to apprehend them are underway. [Excerpt] [Karachi THE SUN in English 24 Apr 79 p 1]

CANNABIS SEIZED IN KARACHI--Karachi 23 April--The Sind Excise and Taxation Department, upon receipt of information, raided a house in shah faisal colony and new town and seized 46 kilos of charas [cannabis]. The value of the seized charas is said to be 10 million rupees. No arrests could however be made in this connection. A search is underway for the culprits. [Excerpts] [Karachi THE DAILY MUSAWAAT in Urdu 24 Apr 79 p 1 BK]

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SINGAPORE

'STRAITS TIMES' COMMENTS ON WORK OF CENTRAL NARCOTICS BUREAU

Singapore STRAITS TIMES in English 5 Apr 79 p 12 BK

[Editorial: "Reducing Recidivism"]

[Text] The drug problem is well under control. This is borne out in the statement by the director of the Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB), Mr Tee Tua Ba, when he introduced 15 CNB officers commended for exemplary work. He said of the drug addicts detained in the last six months, only 2 percent were those who had just picked up the habit; the percentage had formerly been higher. Mr Tee added that of every four addicts arrested now, only one would be an abuser not previously known to the CNB. At the height of the drug menace, when Operation Ferret was launched to sniff out both drug users and pushers, the ratio was three in every four addicts. Another promising aspect is Mr Tee's revelation that Singapore schools are "virtually free" of the drug menace. Although our student drug situation was nowhere near as serious as in, say, Hongkong and Malaysia, it is gratifying to know the problem has been effectively curbed. The number of student offenders detained has fallen to about six a month when it was once an alarming 2,000 a year.

The CNB has also indicated that it has severely reduced the other prong of the menace, that of drug trafficking. The close and constant surveillance by its special task forces and their hawk-like watch at the Woodlands checkpoint--through which most of the hard drugs are believed to have come in the past--have paid off. Less comforting, however, is the high relapse rate among addicts. According to the CNB, there is a monthly average of 60 such cases among those under supervision. Currently there are more than 5,000 supervisees and another 3,000 in drug rehabilitation centres. The experiments with alternative measures like clinical hypnosis and acupuncture, in addition to the controversial "cold turkey" treatment, have not helped. Nor, apparently, has the tightening of after-care conditions like the requirement of a compulsory two-year probationary period for cured addicts. Unless recidivism is overcome the drug problem cannot be said to have been completely solved. Ways must be found to rehabilitate the addict successfully, so that the recidivism rate will be reduced.

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SRI LANKA

SWEDS, BRITON GIVEN QUIT ORDERS FOR DRUG POSSESSION

Colombo SUN in English 13 Apr 79 p 1 BK

[Text] A Swede and a Briton, who were fined by the Galle Magistrate for the possession of narcotics, left the island on Wednesday, on the instructions of the immigration authorities.

According to the Police, these two young foreign tourists had been arrested by the Hikkaduwa Police on the beach at Narigama last week when they were found intoxicated with drugs.

A search of these persons revealed that one of them had about one-and-a-quarter pounds of hashish, and the other 299 grains. The Police Narcotics Bureau estimated the total value of the hashish at Rs. 10,300.

These two tourists were produced before the Galle Magistrate who fined them a nominal amount. On Tuesday the case was referred to the Narcotics Bureau in Colombo, who produced evidence before the Department of Immigration and Emigration and requested the tourists to leave the country.

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THAILAND

AMERICAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS FOR DRUG SMUGGLING

Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English 1 May 79 p 3 BK

[Text] THE Supreme (Dika) Court yesterday sentenced an American to 25 years imprisonment on charges of possessing and attempting to smuggle heroin.

The American, Thomas Kieley (42) was arrested on November 6, 1976 after Customs officials at Don Muang Airport's departure lounge uncovered 730 grammes of No. 4 heroin hidden in the lining of his jacket. Kieley was waiting to board a flight to Tokyo.

The American, who claimed he was the manager of Milliani Twon Company in Hawaii, pleaded guilty to all charges at the Criminal Court, which found him guilty and handed down a 60 years term, later reducing the sentence by half.

Kieley appealed to the Appeals Court, saying the lower court's sentence was too heavy as he had not succeeded in smuggling the heroin out of the country.

The Appeals Court, handed down a term of 38 years and four months, but halved it because Kieley has pleaded guilty.

The prosecutor then appealed to the Supreme Court for a heavier sentence, while Kieley appealed for a reduced penalty.

The Supreme Court agreed with the Criminal Court and handed down a life sentence, but reduced this to 25 years because Kieley pleaded guilty.

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THAILAND

TWELVE CRATES OF MARIJUANA SEIZED AT AIRPORT

Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English 27 Apr 79 p 3 BK

[Text] CUSTOMS officials yesterday seized 516 kilograms of "Buddha stick" ganja worth 1.2 million baht from 12 unclaimed crates near a cargo terminal at Don Muang Airport.

Chief of the Customs officials at the airport, Lt Anant Pananont, said that Customs officials, acting on a tip-off, found the 12 wooden crates behind the Thai International cargo terminal last Wednesday, but did not seize them because they hoped to catch the smugglers or their conspirators red-handed.

The Customs men lay in wait at the terminal until yesterday morning but no one showed up to claim the 12 crates. They then decided to break open the crates for inspection and found the ganja (above).

The ganja was neatly packed in plastic bags which were pressed inside tightly sealed zinc containers which had been put inside the wooden crates.

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CANADA

RCMP ARRESTS THREE MAJOR HEROIN SUPPLIERS

Montreal LA PRESSE in French 10 Apr 79 p A 3

[Article by Michel Auger: "The RCMP Arrests Three Presumed Important Suppliers of Heroin"]

[Text] At the end of the week, the RCMP brought to completion a long operation of infiltration within organized crime by arresting persons suspected of being heroin suppliers in the Montreal region.

Johnny Mollo, 51, a former waiter in the celebrated Casa Loma, in rue Saint-Catherine, was apprehended and charged with having sold heroin on four occasions to a double agent of the federal police. He is also charged with having offered this same drug for sale on two occasions. He is said to have offered 8 ounces of pure heroin for \$112,000 on Sunday.

However, Mollo is said to have been arrested before the completion of this transaction, since the police did not want to risk paying out such an amount without having the merchandise in hand.

Mollo spent a lot of time at a tavern in rue Jean-Talon, where most of the meetings took place with the police, who passed themselves off as narcotics dealers.

Two other presumed dealers have appeared in court. They are Afif Khoury, 27, and Michael Zarbatany, 30, who are also said to have sold and offered for sale to "narcs" large quantities of heroin.

These arrests now bring to 51 the number of persons arrested as the result of an investigation which has lasted more than 8 months, during which five secret agents of the RCMP drug squad bought more than \$100,000 worth of heroin in Montreal.

Ten days ago, the police made a raid among the small retailers, and the weekend arrests "upset the biggest wheels," according to Inspector Gilles Favreau of the RCMP in Montreal.



Johnny Mollo

It was through information obtained in the course of this vast operation that the police learned that two persons had gone to Peru to pick up more than a pound of cocaine there.

The dealers had decided to hide the drug in condoms which they swallowed at their departure from Lima. However, the customs officials were alerted, and the two suspects were placed under arrest on their arrival at Montreal. They were brought to the hospital, and the physicians were able to keep watch on the two suspects to see that the drug was evacuated normally.

In fact, this was the first time that such a quantity of drugs had ever been found in a human stomach. The police were thus able to seize 83 packets of cocaine, which their man finally finished evacuating after 5 days in the hospital.

Heroin

All these arrests and the many seizures made recently should reduce considerably the heroin supply of the local addicts. "At the time of this operation, our men realized that there had never been so much heroin on the market in Montreal," Inspector Favreau declared to LA PRESSE.

"Some will say that the only result of these investigations will be to raise the cost of drugs, and that in the last analysis, the heroin addicts will have to commit more crimes to pay for their drug," the police officer continued. "This is not at all true."

"The positive results will be felt especially among the beginners. In fact, the rarer and more expensive the drug is, the fewer new users of heroin there are. As for the real drug addicts, they will have to turn to the doctors to obtain other drugs which are less harmful, which will perhaps enable some of them to rehabilitate themselves," Inspector Favreau added.

According to the chief of the drug squad, there are presently about 1,000 heroin users in the Montreal region, whereas in 1965 the number was barely 100.

"When I began to be involved in drug investigations in the early 1960's," Mr Favreau concluded, "there were only about 10 of us police officers in this field. In Quebec today, there are nearly 200 police officers in these investigations."

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA

BRIEFS

DRUG ADDICTS APPREHENDED--Public Security members in Prague have found out that four 16-18-year-old youngsters were forcing two of their friends, 15 and 17 years old, to use drugs. In the home of one of them they injected the narcotics intravenously to these friends. [Text] [Prague VECERNI PRAHA in Czech 27 Apr 79 p 3 AU]

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ARGENTINA

BRIEFS

DRUG TRAFFICKER ARRESTED--Singer Horacio Ortiz, whose real name is Horacio Pozzi, 44 years of age, has been arrested for trafficking in cocaine. Pozzi was arrested in a hotel in Cordoba and eight envelopes of cocaine seized. [Buenos Aires LA RAZON in Spanish 13 May 79 PY]

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BRAZIL

COCAINE PROCESSING, DISTRIBUTION NETWORK UNCOVERED IN MATO GROSSO

Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 7 Apr 79 p 9

[Text] Cuiaba (O GLOBO)--The Mato Grosso Federal Police yesterday announced it had uncovered an international ring of cocaine processors and traffickers, with connections in the state and in Bolivia. It involved individuals living in Rio and Sao Paulo, including a reserve officer, and was preparing to process and distribute 200,000 doses of the drug valued at about 200 million cruzeiros.

This information was divulged yesterday afternoon in Cuiaba, during the announcement of the results of the "rigorous inquiry" mounted by the Regional Federal Police Superintendency of Mato Grosso and Mato Grosso do Sul to investigate the alleged torture of four prisoners accused of being members of the ring. Djalma Manuel Bittencourt Gauterio, regional police coordinator, said yesterday that "none of the accused was submitted to coercion of any kind," rebutting the accusation of the prisoners and their attorney, Jose Coberlino, who also claimed to have been subjected to violence when he tried to speak with his clients.

Cocaine

In addition to reading an official note, the coordinator responded to some questions from reporters. According to Gauterio, police investigation of the cocaine processing and trafficking network had been developing for some time. It culminated in the arrest on 17 March of two civilian pilots, Hugolino Colberlino Junior and Altair Paiva, and day laborer Geraldo Alves de Azevedo and his wife, Maria Alma, residents of Rio de Janeiro. In seven flights on 16 and 17 March, the traffickers transported 7 casks and 70 cartons containing 190 liters of ether and 12 liters of acetone for a cocaine distillery in Bolivia.

The police investigation also led to the seizure of 11 more casks of ether and acetone, "used in cocaine distillation" at the Fazenda Sao Benedito, which is owned by the father of the pilot Corbelino Junior, and another 16 vats hidden in the country house of Otavio Natal. The house "was rented by Hugolino Coberlino and Geraldo Azevedo."

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BRAZIL

POLICE LAUNCH INVESTIGATION AGAINST TRAFFICKERS IN SCHOOLS

Sao Paulo O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese 10 Apr 79 p 20

[Text] The Narcotics Division of the DEIC [Criminal Investigations Department] is carrying out investigations in primary and secondary schools, seeking to identify and arrest drug traffickers operating in the high schools in the capital, greater Sao Paulo and the interior of the state. A campaign will be launched to warn the children against being led into drug addiction.

Nestor Sampaio Penteado, chief of the Drug Division, explained that posters with the words "Report a Trafficker," "Be Careful About Drugs" and other slogans will be placed throughout the city, in bus and railway stations, bars, shops and schools. Within a few days the DEIC will announce a special telephone number an individual can use to report addicts and traffickers without having to identify himself.

Last week, initiating the so-called "Operations Schools," agents arrested 25 traffickers and seized 70 kilograms of marihuana, 1,500 ampules of pervitin and 1,200 amphetamine capsules. A complete survey of high schools throughout the capital, greater Sao Paulo and the interior of the state was requested of the state and municipal Secretariats of Education, and memos were also sent requesting the cooperation of the principals. The investigators will use discretion and will not arrest addicts and traffickers near the school grounds. "The students will not even be aware of the presence of the police," Penteado explained.

The chief of the DEIC Narcotics Division has received the support of Celso Telles, general police deputy, who has much experience in this area, and many of his plans will be incorporated in the operation. Some 70 agents and 5 police deputies have been assigned to the school investigations. Another team will give lectures; the children will be informed about traffickers and the evils of addiction.

A survey has already been set up for the interior, where trafficking is intense, and every week a group of police will go to make arrests and drug seizures. As Sampaio explained: "Not even the police chiefs in the chosen

cities will know about it. We will not inform them until we arrive." Marihuana and the psychotropic drugs—pervitin, stenamina, desbutal—are the drugs most commonly used by the addicts. In addition to the high schools, the police will investigate the clubs, night clubs, luncheonettes and pinball and massage parlors.

Addicts will no longer be placed on record by the DEIC. According to Penteado: "We need the addict to identify the trafficker, but it is the trafficker that we are after. He is the corruptor. We are going to put all the traffickers behind bars."

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BRAZIL

THREE ARRESTED WITH DRUGS, ARMS IN NITEROI

Rio de Janeiro JORNAL DO BRASIL in Portuguese 18 Apr 79 p 21

[Text] Agents of the Arrest Division and POLINTER Interstate Police in Niteroi have seized drugs and a large quantity of weapons and ammunition (some the property of the armed forces) at a drug sales point on the Morro da Mangueirinha, Cubango District, where they also made three arrests.

The police are now seeking an individual known as "Crema," whose operations are believed to extend to other cities in the interior of the state of Rio. The marihuana and cocaine sold there were brought in from the Morro do Saiqueiro, in Rio.

Material

The police action took place Monday night, after movement at the drug sales point had ended and the weapons used to protect the site had been buried, which made the police work easier. The sales point had begun to be surrounded hours earlier, but when the police saw that the traffickers were heavily armed they decided to postpone the operation until night.

Material seized by the police included a .30-30-caliber precision rifle with the name "Gen Celio A. Lima" engraved on the stock, an URCO-22 submachinegun, a .22-caliber rifle, a 12-gauge shotgun, two .32-caliber revolvers, a 7.65-caliber pistol, 130 .45-caliber bullets for use in an Ina machinegun, thirty .30-30-caliber cartridges, 60 grams of cocaine and 57 packets of marihuana.

Arrested were Benedito Jose da Silva, aged 23, and Nelson Atanazio, aged 24, both members of the security force for the drug sales point, and Maria Malrinque, aged 22, who provided housekeeping services. The police action was directed by Deputy Mauro Magalhaes, head of the Arrest Division and POLINTER in Niteroi.

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NARCOTICS COURTS SENTENCE 40 TRAFFICKERS IN SIX MONTHS

Rio de Janeiro JORNAL DO BRASIL in Portuguese 4 Apr 79 p 18

[Text] Belo Horizonte--Established less than 6 months ago, the two narcotics courts of this capital have already sentenced 40 traffickers, an action which was difficult to take previously when trials were assigned to 11 courts and there was no exchange of information among the judges who tried the same traffickers in different cases.

According to the Bureau for the Suppression of Dangerous Drugs and Narcotics [DRTE], before the establishment of specific courts, traffickers were released due to excessive elapsed time and only 10 percent of those who were tried remained imprisoned. In addition, most of the trials were shelved due to lack of evidence or because the justice officials did not find the accused.

Persons Caught in the Act

Delegates and agents of the DRTE advised that, since 1976, they had caught about 500 people in the act, 70 percent being traffickers. However, only a few were convicted; others are enjoying freedom, being benefited by the so-called Fleury Law (which grants freedom to the first offender); and most of these were absolved.

"Before the establishment of the narcotics courts, trials were assigned to 11 criminal courts. A judge tried a trafficker unaware that he was indicted in other trials and, in most instances, did not sentence him to imprisonment, even if it was a matter of a repeat offense," a delegate state.

He added that, currently, all trials are being concentrated in two courts and that, being better informed, the judges have the necessary elements to sentence traffickers and decide upon their preventive imprisonment, "as, knowing that they are responsible for other trials, they try cases more strictly and do not consider them primary."

The establishment of the two courts also prevents traffickers sentenced for the first time and indicted in other trials from being free while awaiting judgment in the second instance. Previously, as soon as they were sentenced in the second instance, they vanished. The number of trials shelved also decreased after the establishment of the courts.

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BRAZIL

WIDESPREAD DRUG USE DEPLORED

Sao Paulo O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese 31 Mar 79 p 20

[Editorial: "A Step Forward in Combating Drugs"]

[Text] One of the results--highly lamentable--of the mass arrangement of society is drug dissemination. Contamination was generalized without, we may say, any area being immune; but the interior of Sao Paulo, second only to the capital, gives evidence of being the most extensively and deeply afflicted.

Everywhere the youthful strata of the population turn out to be the most vulnerable, because an adolescent is a submissive conformist: he is not in the habit of dressing, speaking or behaving in any other manner than that of his age group. This conventionalism also extends to drugs: he "puffs on" a marihuana cigarette and uses "pills" or "sniffing bags" through sheer imitation, not to be different from the group with which he may be associating and in order to continue to be accepted; and this goes on until the vice is firmly entrenched and has created a slave-like dependent.

Official measures of suppression, concentrated and absorbed in the fight against the international traffic, proved to be totally ineffective against the traffickers who operate on the youthful consumer level--at school gates, movies, bars, recreation clubs and discotheques.

Therefore, the movement known as "Youth Challenge" [DJ] is worthy of attention; founded in 1975 by evangelist Mauricio Candido de Jesus, the movement has now expanded to the national level and is credited with a substantial number of rehabilitated drug addicts. Its agents use a direct method: they go into the cities' "riffraff hangouts" and use the slang which is spoken there; this gives them a personal approach not only to drug addicts but also to prostitutes, transvestites and criminals frequenting such places.

The results have been surprisingly positive despite initial reactions which were occasionally violent; and this is explained by the fact that marginal characters were involved in need of understanding and help from a society which rejected them and which they had offended. For this reason, most of

them are ready to grasp the hand extended to them, capable of lifting them out of the mire in which they are sinking. Thus, we are indebted to the DJ movement for the rehabilitation of about 500 addicts, including certain dangerous assailants wanted by the Rio and Sao Paulo police.

A "meeting" in Taubate is now being announced by the movement with the participation of various regional groups and the support of the Municipal Council and the local Trade Employees Association. It will last 4 days during which an appraisal will be made of the results obtained in various cities; discussion will also center around rehabilitation methods and plans for future action on the national level.

The Taubate "meeting" deserves not only official attention for the DJ movement but also the solidarity of class organizations, churches, private individuals and, in fact, all responsible segments of society threatened by the alarming spread of drug use in youth groups.

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BRIEFS

FIVE TRAFFICKERS ARRESTED--Yesterday at a drug-sales outlet on the Turano hill in Tijuca, the following traffickers were arrested: Armando Martins, his brother, Jair, called Jaico, Gilberto Martins Soares, Edson Cardoso Nascimento and P.R.P.S., the last being 17 years old. Edson attempted to offer resistance with gunfire; he was shot in the shoulder and was admitted in serious condition to the Inamps do Andaraí Hospital. Paulo Cesar Soeiro Pinto and Valdemar Correia, caught purchasing marihuana, were booked in the 19th Precinct for attempting to bribe Lieutenant Lessa. This officer was in charge of the raid made by soldiers of the Sixth Battalion of Military Police. The sales outlet was operating near a Baptist church. Using a rope, Jaico let down a tin can in which the purchasers placed money and received marihuana or cocaine. The officers also seized 60 packets of marihuana. [Text] [Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese 30 Mar 79 p 9] 8568

JEWELS EXCHANGED FOR DRUGS--A gang operating along the Goias-Minas Gerais axis and specializing in the theft of jewels to exchange for drugs--marihuana, cocaine and LSD--was arrested yesterday in Anapolis. The criminals are Walseir Goncalves Matos, pointed out as the leader of the gang, Maria Shirley Viana Barbosa, Eliana Costa, Dionisia dos Santos, Demetrio Fred and two other members who, although still at large, have already been identified by the police. The gang's latest venture was the holdup of a jewelry store in Montes Claros, Minas, where they stole jewels valued at 2 million cruzeiros. The criminals are also under suspicion for the holdup of Casa dos Joias in Goiania. According to information issued in Goiania yesterday, the agents assigned to investigate the gang's operation were astonished at the number of thefts perpetrated by the criminals. A comment was made yesterday that this is perhaps the largest gang--in number of holdups--so far arrested in Goias. [Text] [Brasilia CORREIO BRAZILIENSE in Portuguese 3 Apr 79 p 17] 8568

SOCCER BALL CONTAINS COCAINE--Yesterday in Laurindo Rabelo St, near the wall of the Milton Dias Moreira Penitentiary and the Judiciary Mental Hospital, the Military Police seized a leather ball containing 56 packets of marihuana, 10 packets of cocaine and a 22-caliber revolver of Argentine make. This material had been left there by two men who had arrived in a red Chevette. They had distributed money among 20 children who were playing soccer in that area on condition that they would not touch that ball. The police were

notified in the morning and went to that spot in the afternoon. The ball-- which had a small tear and contained the inscription "for Peg Leg" (possibly a prisoner)--was found at 1500 hours. The police believe that the men in the Chevette are traffickers Nelson Galinha and Sargento Alipio, operating in the area of the Sao Carlos hill and at the gate of Guatemala School, in the street of the same name. [Text] [Rio de Janeiro O GLOBE in Portuguese 21 Mar 79 p 14] 8568

COCAINE HAUL--Rio de Janeiro, 12 May (AFP)--Two drug traffickers have been arrested in a Rio de Janeiro suburb with 3.5 kg of pure cocaine in their possession. The traffickers intended to sell the cocaine in the southern district of Rio de Janeiro City. [Paris AFP in Spanish 1507 GMT 12 May 79 PY]

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COLOMBIA

SENATE STUDIES DRUG LAW MODIFICATIONS

Bogota EL SIGLO in Spanish 3 Apr 79 p 2

[Text] Liberal Senator Hector Lorduy Rodriguez has a report ready for the first debate on the bill "by which modifications in the National Drug Law are to be introduced," the topic of discussion in the First Senate Committee, headed by doctors Libardo Lozano Guerrero and Felio Andrade Manrique.

The congressman stated in regard to the bill that due to the gaps, errors and confusion plaguing the current National Drug Law, seen from the scientifically proven basis that the drug addict is ill and consequently needs medical and psychosocial treatment, the government feels that using the reforms in the proposal under study as an adequate tool, we could succeed in establishing the proper conditions to achieve the reestablishment of his damaged mental health.

He added that consequently there is a pressing need to use the regulations currently in force to sanction conduct related to cultivation, making those involving imprisonment more drastic, considerably increasing those of a financial nature, defining as punishable the transporting and possession of the elements necessary for the processing of certain substances, making it a legal presumption of legal responsibility which works against anyone who, under certain circumstances, has a background in the same activity, and anyone who has a glaringly sudden and legally unjustified increase in income.

The author of this bill, Senator Hector Lorduy Rodriguez, is not in favor of legalizing marihuana, a topic which was on the floor 2 weeks ago.

In that regard he said: "It is completely senseless for Colombia to legalize marihuana traffic since there would be no legal market for its consumption, unless there is serious thought being given to authorizing from here the clandestine entry of the product into other countries which would naturally be inclined to repress trade practices contrary to their legal statutes."

Dr Lorduy Rodriguez' report is to be read today before the First Senate Committee, which will begin its discussion of the bill immediately.

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HUGE MARIHUANA BONFIRE IN BARRANQUILLA

Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish 31 Mar 79 pp 1-A, 8-C

[Article by Jose Cervantes Angulo: "Some 1.5 Billion Pesos of Marihuana Burned"]

[Text] Barranquilla, 30 Mar--As in the U.S. films about the old Far West, the convoy of trucks full of marihuana moved slowly and laboriously down the highway full of ruts and potholes.

The route chosen by the traffickers was the "eastern" highway, parallel to the Magdalena River and the lands of the neighboring department of Magdalena where crops abound.

The truck caravan's final destinations were several secret airports scattered around the region and pirate landings along the river bank.

The 180 tons of marihuana came from the fertile lands of the Department of Magdalena. They had been transported to this side of the river in gigantic barges and loaded onto the 20 trucks which would later fall into the hands of the military authorities.

The trucks made up a fantastic caravan. Most of them were the latest models, well-appointed and large-capacity. Each one carried at least 150 bales or bundles of pressed marihuana.

The vehicles had designs, decals, signs and advertisements indicating that they belonged to or were affiliated with prestigious cargo transport companies in the country.

They had already passed through several special control bases and posts and had distributed a great deal of money. The caravan was on the final leg of the operation in which some 120 men were participating, including drivers, helpers, workers, loaders, lookouts and transport supervisors.

The eastern highway was chosen because it is not a common route for marihuana traffic and there is little military vigilance.

The Patrol Appears

They were up to Pivijay, El Salado and Remolino in the department of Magdalena, when an army patrol attached to the Second Brigade appeared. The leader of the patrol noticed the caravan of vehicles and ordered five soldiers to stop the drivers.

In a fraction of a second they found out that they were looking at one of the largest marihuana shipments anyone has ever tried to take out of that region to the U.S. market.

The officer, whose name is withheld for obvious reasons, confronted the smugglers and ordered them to stop.

The northern air base was immediately notified to send reinforcements, as was the command of the Second Brigade to back up the capture operation by land.

The area was soon swarming with soldiers and the 20 trucks full of marihuana ended up in the hands of the authorities.

Gen Jose Maria Villarreal, commander of the Second Brigade, reported that the marihuana seized is worth about 1.5 billion pesos.

He added: "Since last October we have burned over 5,000 tons of marihuana and we have captured a virtual fleet of ships, planes and automotive vehicles, as well as arms and munitions."

Those Arrested

The six persons arrested are: Julio Nasser, David Campo Elias Medrano Cristancho, Juan Evangelista Morales, Jorge Pico Morales, Dario Pinto Suarez and Ramiro Fernandez Pacheco.

Referring to them the general said: "It is probable that among those arrested is one of the key men of the organization devoted to marihuana traffic on the coast."

On the U.S. market, the shipment would have been worth 32 million dollars.



Photo Caption

Sniff...Sniff...It was marihuana! Barranquilla---a giant cloud of smoke rarefies the sky from the burning of a fabulous load of marihuana: 180 tons valued at 1.2 billion pesos on the international market. This is the epilog to one of the most spectacular blows delivered by the authorities to narcotics traffickers. Also seized were several vehicles and six persons were arrested. (Photo by Gustavo Vasquez for EL TIEMPO)

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TRAFFICKERS, COCAINE SEIZED IN BOGOTA

Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish 6 Apr 79 p 2-A

[Text] Five kilograms of cocaine, valued at 2.5 million pesos, was confiscated early yesterday by General Staff F-2 agents, who also captured four persons suspected of traffic in the drug. Also seized were two vehicles--a Chevrolet van and a Renault 6--in which the suspects were moving the drug.

The 5 kilograms of cocaine, considered to be of the highest purity, was disguised in a double compartment in the van's mudguards.

The action took place on Highway 19 at 84th St after the suspected drivers had been followed from 68th Ave and 18th St South.

Those arrested were identified as Luis Fernando Pardo Zuluaga, Humberto Vasquez Zapata, Carlos Rogelio Navarro and Jorge Andres Esguerra Romero. At Pardo Zuluaga's residence--76th St 12-29, Apt 301--they later found a suitcase with residues of the alcaloid and a 38-caliber Colt revolver.

The captured trafficker named Luis Fernando Pardo Zuluaga tried to influence the detectives to dissuade them from arresting him. Initially he said that he was an incumbent congressman, but as he could not produce any credentials, he opted for saying that he was the son of a senator. He finally said that he was the son of a former judge of the Bogota Superior Court, but this statement was also discarded after some inquiries were made.



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Zuluaga

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CLASHES, DEATHS IN ANTIDRUGS OPERATIONS

Gun Battle Near Uribia

Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish 6 Apr 79 pp 1-A, 6-C

[Dispatch by Jose Cervantes]

[Text] Barranquilla, 5 Apr--Two soldiers and two marihuana traffickers died today in a gun battle in the Uribia area of the upper Guajira Peninsula. Second Brigade Headquarters reported tonight that a military patrol was ambushed near Uribia by a gang of marihuana traffickers.

There was a gun battle which lasted over 30 minutes, during which Alfredo Donado Rodriguez, a noncommissioned officer, and Roberto Villanueva Chavez, a soldier, were killed.

Two traffickers were killed, also, but the communique did not identify them.

The communique also said that the patrol succeeded in confiscating several short- and long-range firearms as well as a large amount of ammunition. There were no arrests.

The ambushed military patrol belonged to the "Rondon" unit, which is stationed on the upper Guajira Peninsula.

Apparently, the traffickers noted the presence of the soldiers near where a clandestine marihuana shipment was to take place, and they opened fire.

Meanwhile, Atlantico Police Headquarters reported the fatal shooting of businessman and moneylender Benigno Tobon Acosta.

Tobon Acosta was attacked by three men while leaving the Washington Park branch of the Bank of Bogota.

Benigno Tobon and his brother Eustacio, well known in this capital as the owners of one of the most highly-respected banks trading in dollars and various negotiable instruments, were surprised by the killers, who had been waiting by the door of the bank.

One of the robbers took from Tobon a briefcase containing 400,000 pesos in cash.

The victims had no bodyguards with them. It was the third time that Benigno Tobon Acosta had been attacked by criminals.

On the two previous occasions he had emerged unharmed, but had lost the money he was carrying.

Another Blow Against Traffickers

Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish 6 Apr 79 p 6-c

[Dispatch by Walter Martinez P.]

[Text] Santa Marta, 5 Apr--The police have seized 235 bales of pressed marihuana weighing a total of 30,000 pounds [as published], and they have captured the 9 men transporting the contraband.

The Fundacion Police carried out the operation when the gang of traffickers attempted to transport the shipment out of the region in several trucks, using the highway to Cienaga, a branch of the main Oriente highway.

The authorities seized trucks bearing license numbers G-Y 0931, U-G 2053 and T-P 4902 as well as a Ranger vehicle bearing Venezuelan license number A-D-L 778, in which there were 10 bales of marihuana. The vehicles were carrying a total of 235 bales weighing some 30,000 pounds [as published] and having an estimated value of 25 million pesos.

The police reported that those arrested were Argemiro Perez Rincon, Arturo Enrique Leon, Julio Cesar Charrys, Oscar Perez Rincones, Jesus Maestre Avila, Carlos Julio Escobar, Absalon Avila, Evaristo Chacon Herrera and Nelson Felipe Mendoza. They were placed at the disposal of the criminal court judge for the Fundacion Circuit.

It was reported that several firearms were seized from the traffickers, particularly handguns. The shipment was burned this afternoon in the area, and the confiscated vehicles and weapons were taken to Santa Marta.

Police Activity in Bolivar

Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish 6 Apr 79 p 6-C

[Dispatch by Narciso Castro Y.]

[Text] Cartagena, 5 Apr--Over 2,000 kilograms of marihuana and two vehicles were seized by the Bolivar Division Police near the municipality of Calamar.

There were no arrests, for the traffickers apparently noted the presence of the police and fled.

The marihuana was a part of a total of 68 bales whose approximate value was 5 million pesos.

It was found in an ivory-and-green truck bearing license number P-A 4812, the property of the Coldetrans enterprise.

The police also found an ivory-colored Nissan Patrol camper bearing license number K-A 2772 near the site where the truck was discovered.

The two vehicles had been superficially camouflaged on a trail leading from the branch highway between Carreto and Calamar, near the corregimiento of Barranca Nueva.

The police commander, Col Fausto Zambrano Blanco, reported that the identity of the drug traffickers could be established without great difficulty.

The police unit in El Carmen de Bolivar was the first to report the matter.

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GOVERNOR CASTRO: DRUG FIGHT IS EVERYONE'S

Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish 24 Mar 79 p 6-A

[Dispatch by Walter Martinez]

[Text] Santa Marta, 23 Mar--Governor Humberto Sining Herazo today rejected charges by El Cesar Governor Guillermo Castro Castro that department governors, including Magdalena's chief executive, were not complying with the Security Law.

In a statement to EL TIEMPO, the governor of El Cesar complained that he has "been made the bad guy" for combating drug traffic, and he stated that his fellow governors are not adequately fulfilling the law, as President Turbay Ayala had demanded.

He thus asked the other governors "to apply the Security Law as a mechanism for combating the drug traffic."

Meaningless Charges

Today Magdalena Governor Humberto Sining made the following statement:
"The governor of Magdalena believes that the statements made to the press by Mr Guillermo Castro Castro, governor of El Cesar, are meaningless because the chief executive of our neighboring department has never asked this governor's office for information about activities related to the application of the Security Law within the jurisdiction of Magdalena Department.

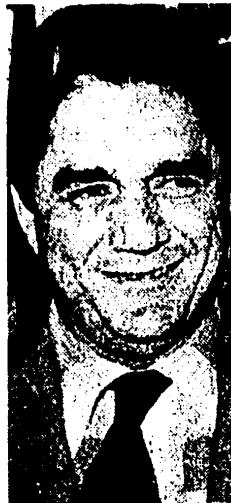
"Moreover, the governor of Magdalena declares to the country's citizens that the fact that bulletins are not being issued concerning the activities of the departmental government in this and other regards does not mean that there has been a failure to act which would nullify the policy adopted by President Turbay Ayala and his minister of justice in the Colombian government's open war against drug traffickers.

"On the contrary, the governor of Magdalena believes that the prudence of not publicizing the simple carrying out of an official duty has rewarded this section of the country with excellent results in the struggle against the gangs.

"While wishing to avoid the appearance of seeking to detract from the statements by the governor of El Cesar, Governor Sining Herazo--without wanting to enter into a dispute--declares to the citizens of Magdalena and to the rest of the country that thus far, in fulfillment of the orders issued by the national government, the following penalties have been imposed on those who have flagrantly violated presidential decrees 2144 and 402:

Luis Eliecer Rendon Vasquez, a fine of 200,000 pesos; Alcides Caballero Silva, 100,000 pesos; Alirio Antonio Martinez, 100,000 pesos; Luis Miguel Jimenez, 100,000 pesos; Orlando Tafur, 100,000 pesos; Roberto Espedor, 600,000 pesos; Jose Lagos Gonzales, 400,000 pesos; Peter Henry Philbrick, 1.5 million pesos; Arthur Martin, 2 million pesos; Jerry van Stonecipmv [as published], 2.5 million pesos; George Richard Jhonson [as published], 2.5 million pesos; and Roy Richard Kearbey and David Arthur Short, 5 million pesos each."

In closing, Sining Herazo stated that "the struggle undertaken by the government of Magdalena Department against drug traffickers has produced, and will continue to produce, money whose specific use will be to build the highways and connecting roads which, in keeping with a primary goal of the government, will constitute effective links between the southern and river towns and Santa Marta, thus uniting the Magdalenan family in the creation, within the near future, of prosperity and social justice."



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TRAFFICKERS THREATEN 'EL TIEMPO' REPORTER

Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish 26 Mar 79 pp 1-A, 6-A

[Text] Yesterday, in Barranquilla, two unidentified men displaying firearms threatened EL TIEMPO reporter Jose Cervantes Angulo.

One of the men, apparently a paid thug of the sort employed by organized crime in Barranquilla, told Cervantes Angulo, "Stop publishing so much stuff about the marihuana traffic. . . . Don't bother people who haven't done anything to you. If you keep doing this, someone's going to end up dead, and then you'll all be sorry."

Cervantes Angulo asked why the threats were being made, and one of the two men answered that EL TIEMPO's publishing an item from the NEW YORK TIMES "wasn't at all pleasing to the owners of the 'business' of exporting marihuana."

Moreover, yesterday EL TIEMPO staff members in its Barranquilla office received telephone calls from people who asked for Cervantes Angulo and inquired about his work schedule.

During one of these calls a serious death threat was made, for the caller said that they could begin preparing for Cervantes Angulo's funeral.

As a result of this series of incidents, which are absurd from any point of view and undoubtedly the work of the gang of marihuana traffickers, Cervantes Angulo went to the governor and to the commanders of the Second Brigade and of the police, but he found none of them present.

Cervantes Angulo left the message for the governor with journalist Juan Goenaga Perez, chief of protocol for the governor's office, who promised to give it to the chief executive, Pedro Martin Leyes.

An item from the influential American daily NEW YORK TIMES bearing the by-line of Juan de Onis actually named Barranquilla residents who are directing the marihuana traffic between Colombia and the United States.

It should be noted that Juan de Onis was in Barranquilla recently and had the opportunity to personally confirm what the NEW YORK TIMES revealed.

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TRAFFICKERS, MARIHUANA, COCAINE SEIZED

Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish 26 Mar 79 p 9-B

[Text] In one of the most successful operations carried out on the Atlantic Coast, last week the armed forces arrested 60 drug traffickers, seized over 1,500 bales of marihuana and confiscated 12 motor vehicles, 2 boats, 2 airplanes and 15 firearms of various calibers along with ammunition for them.

The detailed report issued by the Ministry of Defense follows.

16 March: In Bahia Concha, municipality of Santa Marta, six suspects were arrested and the boat "Lady M" was seized.

18 March: In Bahia Concha, municipality of Santa Marta, 15 suspects were arrested, and the following materiel was seized: 5 F-600 trucks, 3 Toyota jeeps, 1 Renault 12 automobile, 375 bales of marihuana.

19 March: At Media Luna (Uribia) two American suspects were arrested, and the following materiel was taken from them: 1 small aircraft bearing registration number 87275, 1 set of lifesaving equipment, 1 R-15 machine pistol, 2 clips, 30 R-15 cartridges, 301 bales of marihuana, 1 F-350 truck, \$10,000.

Between Pajaro and Mayapo 3 suitcases containing 150,000 Rorer pills were confiscated.

In Mingero 57 bales of marihuana were seized.

20 March: In Manaure an American Aerocommander light plane, bearing registration number N-615, was found abandoned and stripped. Inside it 16 7.62 mm cartridges and several pamphlets on the M-14 rifle were discovered.

In Bahia Concha, municipality of Santa Marta, 250 bales of marihuana were seized.

21 March: In Mayapo (Riohacha) 3 suspects were captured, and 206 bales of marihuana and an F-600 truck were confiscated.

At the "Casuzi" settlement (Uribia) a suspect, Pablo Epiayu, was arrested, and the following items were taken from him: one .38-caliber revolver, one 7.65 mm Winchester rifle, two .44-caliber rifles, one Hechiza shotgun.

At the "Moncumaya" settlement (Uribia) a suspect, Sintofio Apiayu, was arrested, and the following items were taken from him: one .44-caliber rifle and one .30-caliber carbine.

In Fonseca, Rosalvina Bolivar Martinez was arrested, and a .38-caliber revolver was confiscated.

At the "Las Mercedes" ranch, municipality of Barranca, 4 suspects were arrested, and the following materiel was seized: 150 bales of marihuana, 1 F-100 small truck, one 7.65 mm Star pistol, four 9 mm cartridges.

At the "La Vallenata" ranch, municipality of Barrancas, 3 suspects were arrested, and the following items were confiscated from them: 40 bales of marihuana, 8 packages of marihuana seed, one 9 mm pistol, ten 9 mm cartridges, one 16-gage shotgun, two 14-gage shotguns.

At the "La Esperanza" ranch (Aracataca) 125 bales of marihuana were seized.

22 March: at Punta de la Cruz (Pajaro) a boat bearing the name "Moniguez-Gorge," claiming British registry, was seized along with its 24-man crew.

A small plane was found completely burned some 2 kilometers from the highway between Riohacha and Maicao. It has not been possible to identify it further.

During the same period, National Police personnel have had praiseworthy accomplishments with respect to repression of drug traffic in the country. That is:

Confiscations

Cocaine: 23 kilograms worth 15,742,300 pesos; marihuana: 353 kilograms worth 706,000 pesos.

A total of eight people were arrested because of their suspected involvement in these cases.

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COLOMBIA

BRIEFS

CUBA DEPORTS TRAFFICKERS--The minister of foreign relations reported yesterday that Cuban authorities had announced the sentencing of eight Colombian sailors, finding them guilty of participation in the traffic of marihuana and other hallucinogens destined for this Caribbean island. The ministry stated that the Cuban government communicated that country's authorities' decision to deport the eight sailors at the same time they asked the families in Colombia to proceed with the corresponding transactions to complete the deportation. The sailors, members of the crew of the ship Lucero flying a Honduran flag, were captured by Cuban authorities in territorial waters last 8 July. As remembered, at that time it was reported that 10,000 pounds of the plant were confiscated from the Lucero. The Cuban court sentenced the sailors implicated in the crime to 1 year in prison for violating territorial waters and 7 years for narcotics traffic. The sailors' names were not immediately revealed by the authorities or by the Ministry of Foreign Relations. [Text] [Bogota EL SIGLO in Spanish 27 Mar 79 p 16] 11937

SIERRA NEVADA TRAFFICKERS--Santa Marta, 2 Apr--Members of the Santa Marta Cordoba Battalion discovered and burned 80 bales of pressed marihuana in the Cerro Azul region of the Sierra Nevada. According to statements, the load was camouflaged between the mountains in a place known as Tres Cruces. When the military patrol arrived at the place where the plant was found, several individuals fled and abandoned several weapons and a scale. The 80 bales, according to reports, equaled some 4 tons and all were burned where they were found. The value was calculated at a possible 15 million pesos. Military sources said that the Cordoba Battalion has intensified its campaign against narcotics traffic and in recent days has captured several loads of marihuana in the Remolino and Pivijay areas. It was also said that recently several weapons, about 20 vehicles, over 2 million pesos in cash and some narcotics have fallen into the authorities' hands. Everything seized is in the custody of the Second Brigade headquartered in Barranquilla. [Text] [Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish 3 Apr 79 p 6-B] 11937

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COSTA RICA

BRIEFS

MARIHUANA PLANTATION--A patrol of the rural assistance guard discovered and destroyed a marihuana plantation of no less than 7,500 plants at Loma de (Corro) in Matina Canton. The person responsible for the plantation was not located. [San Jose RADIO RELOJ in Spanish 1100 GMT 16 May 79 PA]

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JAMAICA

BRIEFS

FOOD FARM GROWS MARIHUANA--An attempt by several farmers to turn Hounslow, the former state-owned food farm, into a ganja-growing [marihuana] enterprise, has been thwarted by the St. Elizabeth police. The GLEANER has been informed that, following the transformation of Hounslow into a farmers' co-operative "certain elements" started producing the weed, but before the crop had come to maturity the police stepped in, "reaped" and burned it. There were no reports of arrests. A spokesman for the farmers told the GLEANER this week that "ganja is de only ting dat can pay yah," as he said the farmers could not make a living from the crops they now grow, such as corn, peas and cabbage. The farmers complained that the prices for their crops were low, and even then, they were unable to market what they produced because, they charged, the Agricultural Marketing Corporation was not servicing the area adequately. "It don't mek sense yu tell de farmer dem fe plant and no market no deh," one of the farmers declared. He said that whenever there was a fair production of any particular crop there was no market outlet for it. One of the examples given of the "no sale" situation was a recent crop of onions which the spokesman said the AMC did not purchase. He expressed the view that if curing facilities were available the farmers could cut down on their loss by storing onions. The farmers also complained that though crops like soya bean had previously done well at Hounslow, planting materials were not being made available to them. [Text] [Kingston THE DAILY GLEANER in English 11 May 79 p 1 FL]

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MEXICO

TRAFFICKER FOILED IN HOSPITAL ESCAPE ATTEMPT

Nuevo Laredo EL DIARIO DE NUEVO LAREDO in Spanish 17 Apr 79 Sec B p 9

[Text] At dawn yesterday, the notorious drug trafficker Pedro Torres de Leon attempted, with the aid of his son, to escape from Room No 216 of the San Jose Hospital, where he was confined.

Torres de Leon, who is serving a long sentence for crimes against health, did not succeed in his plan, because the two officers who were guarding him went into action, and prevented the escape with gunfire.

In his abortive attempt to flee, Torres de Leon received a bullet wound in his right arm, and remained a patient in the San Jose Hospital, an institution which he had entered last Sunday, supposedly for treatment of a heart condition.

While Torres de Leon stayed at the San Jose Hospital, his son, Jesus Torres Rodriguez, alias "El Borrado," was taken to the offices of the State Judicial Police for close questioning.

The Two Resolute Guards Prevented the Escape

The Police Investigation Section gave the following account of the incidents involving federal prisoner Pedro Torres de Leon and his son, Jesus Torres Rodriguez.

At 0555 hours yesterday morning, the SIPOL [Police Investigation Section] received a call from the San Jose Hospital reporting that some shots had been heard in Room 216 of that hospital, because a prisoner who was confined in the institution had apparently attempted to escape.

Agents 123, 138 and 139 were mobilized, and were told that federal prisoner Pedro Torres de Leon had tried to escape, but that uniformed policeman Ricardo Prado Espinosa and guard Jose Cedillo Garcia had thwarted his plans.

The two guards explained that, at 0530 hours in the morning, while they were both guarding the door of Room No 216, Pedro Torres de Leon and his son,

Jesus Torres Rodriguez, had jumped them with the intention of disarming them and carrying out the escape plans.

Upon realizing the compromising situation confronting them, policeman Ricardo Prado Espinosa took out his 9 millimeter pistol and fired twice into the air in order to frighten the Torres pair, who were attempting at all costs to disarm Jose Cedillo Garcia, as he held a 30-ML carbine.

Since the shots did not intimidate the two men, Prado Espinosa fired a third shot, this time at Pedro Torres de Leon, hitting him in the right arm. Upon being wounded, the criminal gave up his intention of fleeing.

The administration of the La Loma municipal prison reported that, in 1973, Pedro Torres de Leon had entered that institution after being captured by the Federal Judicial Police with an illegal shipment of marihuana and heroin, for which reason he received a 3-year prison term, because he had accumulated several convictions.

At the end of the week before last, he began complaining of serious chest pains, and obtained permission from the prison physician to be released, so that he could receive treatment at the San Jose Hospital.

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MEXICO

U.S. BLAMED FOR MEXICAN DRUG PROBLEMS

Piedras Negras EL DIARIO DE PIEDRAS NEGRAS in Spanish 12 Apr 79 Sec C p 3

[Text] In the endless exchange of smiles and recrimination which marks the relations between Mexico and the United States, laborers and the drug traffic are issues which appear to be inexhaustible.

Just as during the 1940's, when the laborers were called upon to take the places left vacant in the fields and on the railroads by the troops who were leaving for Europe, our citizens are the object of persecution and discrimination, and it is noted that their presence is apparently undesirable.

Now it is claimed that they total 7 million, when there used to be only a few hundred thousand; and the politicians are taking advantage of the problem to engage in demagoguery, without daring to face it, much less seek solutions for it.

We know that the farmer leaves because of hunger, lack of work, personal insecurity and the absence of rights to property, which would bind him to the plot of land. The demagogues are making a great deal of noise, but the so-called agrarian reform is still in effect, and the politicians are making a living from it. It even appears that there is a certain amount of complicity with the Yankees to continue offering this winning card in the negotiations between the two countries; so, the laborers serve two purposes: in their fields, with low wages, and in politics, to raise the cudgel of mass repatriations, which would put another 7 million jobless men in our cities.

We must be sufficiently honest to admit that the problem of the laborers is ours, and the only thing that they do is take advantage of our insecurity and the guilt complex that they have succeeded in creating among us, with their complaints and threats.

The drug traffic is quite a different thing, and we are also held responsible for it, with the claim that we are poisoning North American youth. The fact is that, if there is a drug traffic, it is because addicts abound in the United States, where the country's extraordinary wealth does not justify this. There are rich countries in Europe as well, and their neighbors do

not have to keep looking over their shoulders, nor spending a large portion of their budgets on campaigns against the drug traffic. Every year, Mexico spends billions of pesos, and both army forces and a large number of Federal Judicial Police forces are engaged in guarding the borders, making searches at the airports and pursuing those who grow poppies. There are hundreds or thousands of farmers in jail for having listened to the tempting offers from the Mafia. In general, the entire matter of drugs is a headache for the government and a serious upset to the economy.

Mexico certainly deserves some compensation for the damage that has been caused it by a problem which is not its own, but which nevertheless weighs heavily on our shoulders.

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MEXICO

TRAFFICKERS CAUGHT WITH HEROIN, COCAINE, MARIHUANA

Nuevo Laredo EL MANANA in Spanish 14 Apr 79 'Sec B p.3

[Text] With the arrest of Mauro Guzman Jasso, from whom 150 grams of marihuana and 25 grams of heroin were confiscated on Wednesday night, the Federal Judicial Police continued yesterday apprehending several persons regarded as "fat fish" of the drug traffic. They included the underworld figure Raul Sergio Madrigal Hinojosa, alias "El Negro," from whom 20 grams of pure cocaine with a high value on the black market for drugs were seized.

Also arrested yesterday were Gregorio Escalante Cruz, aged 24, and a resident of 7309 Mina Street; Alfredo Pruneda Maldonado, aged 58, a resident of Nueva Ciudad Guerrera; and Graciano Diaz, alias "El Italiano," a resident of 108 Privada Washington.

The official spokesman for the coordinating office of agencies of the Federal Public Ministry added: "The investigation has not ended yet, because we expect that other individuals, namely, the ringleaders of the group, will be caught at any moment; and it is likely that a larger shipment of cocaine and heroin will be seized."

At a press conference, it was announced that Mauro Guzman Jasso, aged 42, and a resident of 8115 Dr Mier Street, was arrested because he was reported to have been engaged in drug trafficking.

The arrest proved warranted, because he was found to have 150 grams of marihuana and 25 grams of heroin in his possession. He claimed that the "powder" had been sold to him by Gregorio Escalante Cruz, who was subsequently captured.

As for the marihuana, Mauro Guzman purchased it from Alfredo Pruneda Maldonado. Graciano Diaz, alias "El Italiano," was later captured, because he had been proven to be associated with the purchase and sale of drugs, and a "sample" of cocaine was found in his possession.

Pursuing the investigation, the Federal Judicial Police succeeded in apprehending Raul Sergio Madrigal Hinojosa, alias "El Negro," a resident of 2118 Morelos Street, who had several envelopes in his house containing a total of 20 grams of cocaine.

Mario Aragon Zambrano, group chief of the Federal Judicial Police, told the representatives of the various news media that the cocaine seized from Madrigal Hinojosa was unusually pure.

The source of the information added that the investigation would continue, because they have not precluded the possibility that the heroin and cocaine which were seized comprise only a minimal portion of a larger shipment that is circulating in the town, in the hands of professional traffickers.

The foregoing was confirmed at the time when the Federal Judicial Police arrested yesterday, in addition to the five aforementioned individuals, 10 more persons closely associated with the purchase, sale, export and distribution of hard drugs, but whose names will not be released until the investigation ends.

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MEXICO

MARIHUANA PLANTATION, EXPLOSIVES, WEAPONS DISCOVERED

Piedras Negras EL DIARIO DE PIEDRAS NEGRAS in Spanish 5 Apr 79 p 1

[Text] Ciudad Acuna, Coahuila, 4 April 1979--Forces from the Federal Judicial Police headed by group chief Hiram Giner Ramirez conducted a raid on the drug traffic in the municipalities of Acuna, Ocampo, Muzquiz and part of the state of Chihuahua, and succeeded in confiscating 55 kilograms of packaged marihuana, as well as several long-barreled weapons, namely, shotguns and M-1 sub-machine guns, 2 kilograms of peyote, 100 dynamite cartridges and 25 meters of reed. The chief of the Federal Judicial Police, Hiram Giner Ramirez, announced that they also discovered a marihuana plantation in Maderas del Carmen, which was destroyed, while they seized 8 kilograms of fresh marihuana and 200 rounds of ammunition of different calibers, as well as a scale.

At the same time, the chief of the Federal Judicial Police said that three individuals who were engaged in selling cannabis indica were captured, answering to the names of Hernan Hernandez Uresti, Juan Inostrosa Palacios and Apolinar Inostrosa Garcia. The first of the group is 23 years of age, and a resident of the Las Norias communal farm in the municipality of Ocampos; the second is aged 35, and a resident of the Ojo Caliente communal farm; while the third resides on the Piedritas communal farm, also in the municipality of Ocampos, Coahuila. After being questioned, they were turned over to the agent of the Federal Public Ministry.

The Federal Judicial Police confiscated from these individuals who were taken into custody the marihuana which they had concealed in the backyards of their residences.

Federal Judicial Police chief Hiram Giner concluding by saying that, upon being arrested, Hernan Hernandez Uresti resisted, aiming a rifle at the police; but, fortunately, nothing serious occurred, because they immediately quelled him. The police chief also said that, during their inspection tour they were fired upon by unknown persons while in the Maderas del Carmen mountains, where they made a 5-day tour and the aforementioned seizures.

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MEXICO

BRIEFS

OPIUM TRAFFICKER RELEASED--The eighth unified circuit court located in Torreon, Coahuila, set bail of 10,000 pesos for Ricardo Gonzalez Zamora, an individual who was convicted of a crime against health in the degree of shipment of raw opium. The foregoing announcement was made yesterday by the district judge, Eduardo Aguilar, who said that the unified court had reduced the sentence established in that court's decision, so that he might recover his freedom by using the benefit granted him. He said that Ricardo Gonzalez Zamora, who received a 6-year prison sentence from the district court, had his sentence reduced to 3 years and 6 months' imprisonment 2 years ago. As may be recalled, Ricardo Gonzalez was arrested by the former investigation service group on 3 March 1977, when Noel Munoz Pineda was police and traffic representative. The action was carried out by Lozano and Humberto Garza, who arrested Gonzalez Zamora as he was smoking marihuana while driving his 1976 Chevrolet GM model pickup truck. Following his arrest, his apartment was searched, and it was found to contain a quantity of a sticky substance which, upon being analyzed by the laboratories, was discovered to be raw opium. [Text] [Piedras Negras EL DIARIO DE PIEDRAS NEGRAS in Spanish 12 Apr 79 Sec B p 1] 2909

HEROIN, PILLS IN PRISON--Last Sunday, the federal police made a surprise raid on the La Loma municipal prison, and searched each one of the cell blocks. The search brought positive results because, in Francisco Rivera Quezada's cell, the federal police found 5 grams of a dark brown powder which was apparently heroin, 25 toxic pills which were apparently Mandrax, a "butt," a milligram gravity scale and 12,500 pesos in cash, plus \$26.00 in American money. It was disclosed that Rivera Quezada had, for some time, been engaged in distributing drugs inside of the municipal prison, and was given \$100.00 for each "deck" of heroin by the addicts. The coordinating agency for the antidrug campaign reported that Rivera Quezada was incarcerated in the Social Rehabilitation Center at the order of the second district judge, who brought proceedings No 198-1977 against him for a crime against health. The Federal Judicial Police also arrested Antonia Rivera, aged 43, a resident of 4720 Arteaga, and Maria de la Luz Ortega, aged 35, who lives at No 8.14 Dr Mier Street, for questioning. No further information was supplied on the two women in question, but it was learned that both are

connected with Francisco Rivera Quezada's illegal activities. [Text] [Nuevo Laredo EL DIARIO DE NUEVO LAREDO in Spanish 17 Apr 79 Sec B p 9] 2909

MARIHUANA TRAFFICKERS ARRESTED--Because they were suspected for some time of being engaged in marihuana trafficking, three individuals who answer to the names of Fidel Zavala Gaytan, Dolores Uvalde Camacho and Reyes Dominguez were arrested by the Federal Judicial Police for questioning. Their arrest took place last Tuesday, after the federal police had obtained information on their illegal activities. The press bulletin issued at noon yesterday by the coordinating agency for the antidrug campaign in the northern zone announced the arrest of the three persons. The report states that they were riding in a 1968 Pontiac Bonneville with Texas license plates FUS-602 at the time of their arrest. Upon making a careful search of the vehicle, the federal police discovered 250 grams of marihuana concealed in the trunk. According to the federal police, the individuals in custody will be subjected to close questioning, because it was learned that the 250 grams of marihuana were part of a large shipment of drugs which had apparently already been arranged. Fidel Zavala Gaytan is 41 years of age, and a native of El Cedral, San Luis Potosi, who has no residence in this town; Dolores Uvalde is a native of this town, 40 years old, and a resident of Kilometer 10; while Dominguez Ramirez is 43 years of age, and lives at 2006 Morelos Avenue. [Text] [Nuevo Laredo EL DIARIO DE NUEVO LAREDO in Spanish 12 Apr 79 Sec D p 6] 2909

PILL TRAFFICKERS SENTENCED--A woman and two men who were arrested last February by the Federal Judicial Police for selling toxic pills received prison sentences from the third district judge, Andres Cruz Martinez. In the third district court, the final verdict was handed down yesterday in proceedings No 36-978, brought against Elvia Garcia Alonso, Jose Luis Suarez Esqueda and Humberto Escobedo de Leon. Elvia was given a prison sentence of 4 years and 6 months for being guilty of a crime against health, since toxic pills comparable to drugs were found in her possession. Suarez Esqueda was sentenced to a 6-year prison term, and Humberto Escobedo de Leon received a sentence of 5 years and 5 months. Both were guilty of possession of and trafficking in pills, respectively. The records show that, on 15 February 1978, the Federal Judicial Police learned that a woman named Elvia was trafficking in pills in the red-light district. She was arrested, and found to have a large number of psychotropic pills in her possession. Upon being questioned, she confessed that her boyfriend, Jose Luis Suarez, was supplying her with the aforementioned drugs, and she purchased the pills (without a prescription) from the Monterrey or Obregon Pharmacies. Humberto Escobedo, manager of the Obregon Pharmacy, was arrested. [Text] [Nuevo Laredo EL DIARIO DE NUEVO LAREDO in Spanish 12 Apr 79 Sec D p 6] 2909

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PANAMA

BRIEFS

GANG LEADERS ARRESTED--Members of the National Department of Investigation and the drug office of the Finance and Treasury Ministry have captured four leaders of a drug trafficking gang. They are Colombians Adrian Robinson and Josefina Cordero, Australian Warren Turner and U.S. citizen William Charles Sorren. They had a fleet of private airplanes with false registration numbers for their operations throughout the Caribbean. The Panamanian Government has received requests for their deportation to the United States. [Panama City Domestic Service in Spanish 2230 GMT 10 May 79 PA]

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VENEZUELA

COCAINE TRAFFICKERS ARRESTED EN ROUTE FROM BOLIVIA

Caracas EL NACIONAL in Spanish 22 Mar 79 p D-23

[Text] One member of the couple arrested revealed that he was transporting the drug from Bolivia to New York to be sold there and that it was his first trip as a "courier."

He further stated that the girl had nothing to do with the affair and that he had met her in Maiquetia.



Eduardo Alberto Baez Alemar arrested. (Photo by Jose Grillo)

The PTJ [Judicial Technical Police] announced the arrest of a couple in whose false-bottom satchel they allegedly found cocaine valued at 300,000 bolivars.

Commissioner Leopoldo Yerena, chief of the PTJ's Narcotics Bureau, advised that the arrest was made in the Maiquetia airport shortly after receiving information sent to Caracas by the International Criminal Police Organization, better known by its code name, Interpol.

It identified those arrested as Eduardo Baez Alemar (26) of Dominican nationality and Shirley Ann Pitts (29) of U.S. nationality.

In talking with reporters about the affair, Baez Alemar stated that he was, in fact, taking the contraband to the United States to be sold there. He added that it was the first time he was acting as a courier and stressed that he had done so because he did not have any definite job in the United States where he had resided for more than 14 years.

He made it clear that the girl had nothing to do with the drug affair and that he had met her at the airport.

"From where were you bringing the drug?"

"From South America, Bolivia," he replied with a Dominican accent.

He stated also that the police did not permit him to get in touch with his family in Santo Domingo.

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VENEZUELA

TRAFFICKERS ATTEMPT TO SMUGGLE MANDRAX INTO PRISON

Caracas EL UNIVERSAL in Spanish 25 Mar 79 p 36

[Text] A woman was arrested simultaneously with a prison guard; she was harboring a quantity of drugs at her residence in La Pastora.



Hugo Antonio Villasmil arrested.
(Photo by PTJ)



Ketty Josefina Oropeza arrested.
(Photo by PTJ)

Officials of Modelo prison arrested a man named Hugo Antonio Villasmil, who worked there as guard, as he was trying to smuggle in a quantity of drugs in a small gas carboy of the type used in jewelry shops.

This information, issued by Commissioner Leopoldo Yerena Wiebe, chief of the Narcotics Bureau of the Judicial Technical Police [PTJ], states that, when Modelo prison guard Villasmil arrived at the prison with the small carboy, members of the National Guard, who were waiting at the gate, asked him where he was taking that container. When he told them he was taking it to the kitchen, they became suspicious, for, in addition to its being very small, gas comes directly from the source in the kitchen.

Upon opening the carboy, they found inside a quantity of drug pills called mandrax and marihuana.

The spokesman states that during the questioning to which Villasmil was subjected he confessed that another quantity of drugs was in the possession of Kitty Josefina Oropeza Priguez at whose residence, located in La Pastora parish, the police seized 1,500 pills made of mandrax and marihuana.

The police official added that the drug confiscated from the couple is valued at 150,000 bolivars.

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VENEZUELA

BRIEFS

MANDRAX, MARIHUANA SEIZED--Maracaibo, Marxo (INNAC)--Officers of the National Guard in this jurisdiction seized two quantities of hard drugs being smuggled into the area. One was marihuana and the other a product called mandrax, according to Brig Gen Eduardo Loaiza Giordano. The chief of the Third Command of the FAC [Armed Forces of National Cooperation] stated that the first item was being transported well-camouflaged in a secret compartment of the fuel tank of a truck of the type used to carry cattle. There were 185 cakes of marihuana which were being taken to Merida, according to a statement made by truck drivers Gregorio Fernandez and Oliborio Mejias, both of Goajira Indian strain, who confessed that they had received the marihuana at the border and were delivering it in Maracaibo to be taken to Merida. However, they did not give the name of the individual from whom it had come, alleging that they did not know his name. The two are being detained and the vehicle has been handed over to the Judicial Police. General Giordano said that these packets have an estimated value of 170,000 bolivars and were seized at the Paez District mill. Shortly thereafter, it was revealed that a minibus was stopped in Alcabala del Rio Limon; it was coming from Maicao and was transporting 2,000 mandrax pills, a hard drug which is entering the country in large quantities. The general stated that none of the 11 passengers admitted responsibility for the drugs; for this reason all are being held until it can be established who, in fact, is the owner. The package was found underneath one of the seats but all the passengers deny being its owner. [Text] [Caracas ULTIMAS NOTICIAS in Spanish 26 Mar 79 p 19] 8568

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KUWAIT

CAE AMBASSADOR'S SON ARRESTED FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING

Kuwait AL-RA'Y AL-'AMM in Arabic 5 Apr 79 p 2

/Text/ The ambassador of the Central African Empire in Cairo was able to slip out of the country (Kuwait) for the third time, leaving large amounts of alcoholic beverages and drugs behind him. This time, the ambassador, whose name in French is Francois Sylvestre, was able to flee after bringing into the country tens of gallons of a drug product which is completely new on the world drug market, "oil of hashish." Its value was estimated at more than 7,000 Kuwaiti Dinars. On a previous entry, the ambassador had brought in more than a million tablets of Hallucinogens, then he returned and brought back with him three large traveling bags containing a large number of bottles of whiskey of various kinds. However, each time the ambassador left this stuff in the airport and returned from whence he came.

This time, however, the Kuwaiti Bureau of Criminal investigation, under the leadership of its director general Colonel Muhammed Ahmed Al-Qabnadi and in cooperation with Interpol, had been following the movement of the ambassador until the right moment came in which the bureau's men could seize the ambassador's son, Sanati Francois, member of a band which includes Farid M. (Jordanian), Akram 'A. (Jordanian) and 'Ajmi M. (Egyptian). The members of this band have been distributing hashish oil in Kuwait.

It has become clear, as a result of the preliminary investigations, that the three primary suspects were working in government establishments, and were using their work as a cover for their drug operations. As for the son of the Central African Empire's ambassador, it is clear that he was delegated to collect the money from the distribution of the drugs. As for the manner in which the ambassador slipped away from the face of justice, the authorities are studying the problem, since, in each case, he was relying on his diplomatic immunity to implement his plans which went well beyond the sphere of diplomatic recognition.

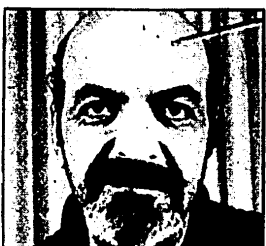
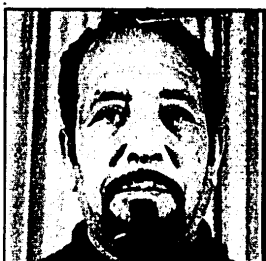


Son of the Central African
Empire's Ambassador

● نجل سفير افريقيا الوسطى



The three suspects



DENMARK

DANISH PAPERS REPORT DRUG ARRESTS, TRIALS

[Editorial Report LD] Recent Danish dailies carry reports on drug offenses and arrests.

Copenhagen BERLINGSKE TIDENDE in Danish 21 April 1979 carries on page 3 a 100-word "Eich" report on the sentencing of two unnamed Iranians and one Turk to 2.5 and 3 years respectively by a Copenhagen court for smuggling heroin from Holland to Denmark. They were reportedly discovered on January 16 in possession of "a total of 185 grams of heroin."

Copenhagen AKTUELT in Danish 21 April 1979 carries on page 4 a 250-word "Sted" report saying that Narcotics Police are "on the point of exposing a large heroin ring in Copenhagen" and noting that "five people are already in jail and during the next 2 weeks further arrests are expected."

Copenhagen BERLINGSKE TIDENDE in Danish 22 April 1979 carries in part 1 on page 7 a 100-word "S.L." report on a drugs raid in the Christiansia District of Copenhagen. During the raid an unnamed 28-year old Dane and a 23-year old Finnish woman were arrested after reportedly being found in possession of 23 grams of heroin.

Copenhagen BERLINGSKE TIDENDE in Danish 26 April 1979 carries on page 2 a 300-word "WI" report which describes the prosecution of Jimmy Claus Klemvig, a "convicted drugs dealer" for involvement in a number of instances of smuggling and attempting to smuggle drugs into Nyborg State Prison, where he is serving a 3.5 year sentence. The case reportedly concerns quantities of hashish totaling 110 grams. The same issue carries on page 6 a 400-word report which says that "during a police action late on Thursday evening in Copenhagen and Frederiksberg a 27-year old Jordanian and three Greeks aged 31, 34 and 39 years along with two of the Greeks' Danish wives aged 30 and 31 were arrested. At the same time police seized 170,000 kroner in cash, which was meant for use in illegal deals in heroin and hashish." A further 100-word "L" report on the same page reports the arrest of six unnamed people "in connection with a large heroin case in the south of Jutland. At the Danish-German border Narcotics Police reportedly seized 500 grams of heroin "valued at 1.5 million kroner" during an attempt to smuggle in the drugs by car.

Copenhagen AKTUELT in Danish 26 April 1979 carries on page 10 a 1000-word Lennart Weber article which describes the high rewards to be had in the drugs business. The Danish drugs market reportedly has an "annual turnover of 10-15 billion kroner." Thousands of Danes are ready to take the risk to get a share of these profits, according to the author.

Copenhagen AKTUELT in Danish 27 April 1979 carries on page 3 a 300-word unattributed report on the arrest of "two more Greeks" charged with being involved in extensive heroin deals. Three Greeks, a Jordanian, and a Danish woman were reportedly jailed in the same case last Wednesday.

Copenhagen AKTUELT in Danish 4 May 79 carries on page 4 a 250-word, unattributed report on a "big hashish case" in which "mysterious packages" were dropped from an aircraft over Herningen, the pilot and a passenger have reportedly been charged with involvement in smuggling 40 kilos of hashish "worth 1.6 million kroner."

Copenhagen BERLINGSKE TIDENDE in Danish 4 May 79 carries in part 1 on page 2 a 200-word "-Eich" report on the hearing of the "biggest ever" hashish case in Denmark in which 1.2 tons of hashish were reportedly smuggled from Morocco. The alleged ringleader--an Englishman named David John Stevens--is at present imprisoned in France and there are reportedly five other people involved in the case in custody in Denmark.

Copenhagen AKTUELT in Danish 8 May 79 carries on page 5 a 700-word report on a 28-year old Jordanian, named as Al Qadi Rigad, who allegedly was arrested twice without evidence and jailed for alleged heroin dealings and is now claiming compensation for false arrest and libellous press coverage.

Copenhagen BERLINGSKE TIDENDE in Danish 9 May 79 carries in part 1 on page 3 a 200-word "WI" report on the discovery in Copenhagen of morphine pills "valued at over 300,000 kroner," and the arrest of an unnamed man found in possession of the morphine 7 May.

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NETHERLANDS

BRIEFS

1080 KILO HASHISH SEIZURE--Police in Holland have confiscated 1080 kilos of hashish from a lorry bearing Turkish plates. Nine persons, three of them Turks, have been arrested in connection with the incident. While police searched an automobile one evening in the city of Purmerend, they discovered a tin filled with 20 kilos of hashish, whereupon they intensified their investigation. During the search of a TIR [Transport International Routier] lorry parked nearby, they seized 54 tins, each filled with 20 kilos of hashish, for a total seizure of 1080 kilos of "quality" hashish. The value of the haul has been estimated at 45 million lira. The identities of the persons who were arrested have not been disclosed. [Text] [Istanbul MILLIYET in Turkish 29 Apr 79 p 14]

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SWEDEN

STUDY SHOWS MOST STOCKHOLM THEFTS BY YOUTH ON DRUGS

Stockholm SVENSKA DAGBLADET in Swedish 30 Mar 79 p 13

[Text] Young people on drugs commit most of the thefts in Stockholm. Goods valued at more than 200 million kronor are stolen each year in Stockholm alone, according to an investigation by criminologist Leif Persson a couple of years ago.

"A group of about 1,000 persons is responsible for all the major home burglaries in Stockholm," he told SVENSKA DAGBLADET.

A small share of the stolen goods is sold directly on the streets of Stockholm. Leif Persson believes these sales amount to 10 million kronor. It is usually "common" citizens who fall for the temptation of purchasing goods at one-fourth of their store value.

Commissioner Gunnar Bjorklund with the burglary division of Stockholm Police Department:

"It also happens that people order goods from drug users, who later steal these items from a warehouse or a store."

The "crooked dealer" buys the larger share of the stolen goods. It is he who gets the biggest share of the profits; the drug user, who takes the greatest risk, gets the least.

The thief gets about 500 kronor for a new color TV or a stereo from the dealer, who in turn sells it to someone else. It is difficult to estimate how many of these dealers operate in Stockholm. That is primarily due to two things:

A thief, who is caught, is not interested in revealing to whom he sold the stolen goods. He relies on a dependable dealer to get money for narcotics.

Also, it is very difficult to prove that a person deals in stolen goods. Police must show that the item in question was acquired in a burglary or a theft--but that is almost impossible unless the owner marked the item or unless it can be identified some other way.

Gunnar Bjorklund:

"We know that many of the stolen goods end up in stores that sell used articles or find buyers at some auction out in the country. But it is difficult for us to control the activity since we do not know where these goods came from originally."

The same is true of jewelry and other valuables which are stolen in a burglary. They "disappear" through buyers, who either sell them to a business (which is rather unusual) or melt them down and sell the metal.

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SWEDEN

STATE TO END LOCAL SUBSIDIES FOR OUT-PATIENT DRUG CLINICS

Stockholm DAGENS NYHETER in Swedish 12 Apr 79 p 23

[Article by Barbro Jobberger: "Government Attacks Drug Clinics"]

[Text] The government now wants to cut off aid to drug clinics. Beginning in 1980 the state will withdraw its aid to municipal drug clinics.

The cut comes just one year following the government's big push to establish new drug clinics. It has been proven that the results were not what Parliament had hoped they would be.

In big city areas only scattered clinics have been established. In Goteborg there has even been a reduction in drug clinics.

"Politicians have betrayed us," said Lisbet Palmgren, lecturing physician on the issue of drug clinics.

Beginning 1 January 1980 special state aid to established drug clinics will be terminated. State aid now pays for 75 percent of the operating costs.

This proposal is included in the municipal economic bill, which the government recently submitted. But the idea did not originate with the municipalities, but directly with the state government.

The anticipated savings of 192 million kronor, which include withdrawal of state aid to alcohol clinics also, will be returned to the municipalities by virtue of the tax equalization system.

Thus, money for drug clinics will no longer be "earmarked;" it will become part of the general municipal funds. Municipalities will thus have the option to build indoor swimming pools, ice hockey rinks or other projects, which may be more popular than spending money on drug addiction and other abuses.

The proposal means a complete change of attitude on the part of the government toward drug clinics. Groups that work with drug addicts call it "a deathblow to drug clinics."

Municipal funds can be used for any purpose. "Knowing that municipalities all along the line have a tendency to give low priority to addiction of any kind makes this proposal especially alarming," said Jakob Lindberg, director of the Department of Social Services.

"To withdraw state aid in this manner is absolutely fatal."

The Liberal Party government's withdrawal of state aid to drug clinics comes 1 year following the former government's push to establish more clinics. In the spring of 1978, a speargroup for the narcotics issue, led by Gerhard Larsson, submitted a nine-point program. The emphasis of the program was to strengthen the already established drug clinics. Through its work the group had found that money was especially needed in connection with long-term rehabilitation, in treatment homes and family clinics.

At that time treatment homes could accommodate 180 addicts. The group suggested expansions in order to facilitate at least 160 more.

Family clinics were able to accommodate 130 addicts and the group wanted to provide room for at least 130, preferably 200 more addicts.

The speargroup had investigated the situation thoroughly and it did not propose any more than what the municipalities could realistically implement before 1 July 1980. The cost of the proposed program was 32 million kronor. Parliament approved the program in June last year.

In spite of careful planning in cooperation with city and county councils, progress has been rather dismal after almost 1 year.

Six accommodations have been added in Stockholm.

Goteborg has added none. Instead, 15 accommodations have been terminated at Lillhagen hospital.

There have been no additions in Malmo.

In medium-sized municipalities plans have proceeded somewhat like the speargroup had anticipated. Idealistic organizations have also accepted some of the responsibility. The Hassela collective in Halsingland has provided 12 new accommodations. RFMA, which operates Vallmotorp, has provided 25 new accommodations at Hemgard.

Altogether, the municipalities have only provided 10 new accommodations.

The situation is particularly serious in big-city areas, where narcotics abuse is most widespread.

The city of Stockholm is still trying to provide 30 new accommodations, which were originally included in the 1976 plans, i.e., long before the speargroup began its work. This includes 20 accommodations at Skogaholm in Hallsberg, which are expected to be ready this fall and thus delayed more than 1 year, and 10 accommodations at Ingbogard in Uppland.

"The problem of buying suitable homes and having them approved by Spri and the Department of Social Services, together with the difficulty of getting personnel for the wages offered are some of the arguments presented by the city of Stockholm in its own defense.

The 1,500 central social administrators have not been able to plan the new homes. In addition to special state aid, the municipality has received another 300,000 kronor to defray the cost of hiring extra planning personnel.

Akersberga

The city of Stockholm has agreed to provide drug clinics, even for suburban drug addicts, through an arrangement under which it will be reimbursed for its services by the municipality. It plans to provide 52 accommodations in treatment homes, of which the first 20, in Akersberga, will be available this fall at the earliest.

"We need at least 30 new accommodations just to meet our own needs," said Stockholm council member Mats Hulth (Social Democrat). "But this is all the city budget allows us to expand."

In Goteborg, city council member Bengt Larsson (Social Democrat) said:

"Accommodations at Lillhagen were terminated because it did not seem right to provide a special clinic for drug addicts. They can use the regular psychiatric ward at the hospital. They have not experienced any hardships due to this change.

"There are no plans for treatment homes in Goteborg.

"We are not planning any. We would rather expand presently available clinics."

Extremely Slow

In agreement with the speargroup Goteborg said it would hire 30 more employees for the already established drug clinics there. So far they have hired 20.

"Politicians have betrayed the speargroup's proposal," said Lisbet Palmgren, lecturing physician for the Department of Social Services on the issue of drug clinics.

"The expansion has been extremely slow. What has been accomplished since Parliament adopted the proposal? Indeed, accommodations have been terminated in Goteborg and other places!

"Furthermore, the government has refused to pay decent wages to employees who work in the drug clinics. Politicians do not understand the hardship of having to be prepared to move out at any time. Employees give of themselves completely and burn out in a few years. They need assistance, backing and good wages.

"It is meaningless to talk about expansion when services are reduced instead. We who work for the Department of Social Services are responsible, but we cannot offer municipalities advice or direction that costs money.

"This is terrible, Unprecedentedly little is being done compared to what is needed."

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SWEDEN

INVESTIGATION OF DRUGS THEFT FROM POLICE VAULT CONTINUES

Stockholm DAGENS NYHETER in Swedish 12 Apr 79 p 3

[Article by Leif Dahlin: "Huddinge Drug Thief Sought by Police"]

[Text] Some 40 policemen, office personnel and station employees have been questioned in connection with the investigation of the sensational narcotics theft at the Huddinge police station some time ago. "We have no leads in the case in any direction. The investigation could continue for a long time," said one of the investigators, Commissioner Gosta Magnusson with the State Police Department's theft division.

A spokesman for Huddinge Police Department, who is in close contact with the local narcotics squad, said that irritation is growing within the squad each day. It is almost a month now since the impartial investigative commission started its work. Members of the local narcotics squad fully understand that investigations must proceed quietly and methodically in order to find a suspect. But, according to the spokesman, the squad does not want to wait indefinitely, but will simply start its own investigation.

It was at the end of last year that Huddinge police discovered that a confiscated amount of amphetamine and heroin had been stolen from a vault stored in a strong-room at the police station. A bag containing 1 kilogram amphetamine was missing and, when they later checked the contents more closely, they found that two bags of heroin had been replaced with flour and sugar and that the remaining bag of amphetamine contained 1/2-kilogram heroin and 1/2-kilogram sugar.

Small Group

Since it was ascertained that only a small group of people had access to the strong-room key and the vault combination, it was considered most likely that the culprit would be 1 of the 20 policemen who make up the narcotics squad.

"The squad is becoming increasingly impatient. We have been and continue to be a cohesive unit and, as time goes by, I am more and more inclined to think that the narcotics thief should be sought outside the squad," said one of its members.

"It would surprise me if one of my colleagues could 'hide behind a mask this long.' We have met practically every day, have discussed and gone through this matter as a group and between us as individual members.

"One speculation, which is as good as any other, is that anyone connected with the police station--i.e., anyone among 200 to 300 persons--could have stolen the narcotics. Most of them know that we keep the narcotics in a strong-room. If you do not have the right key to get into the different offices, you can simply get the master key from the main office. They master key hangs on a nail there and I have borrowed it on several occasions myself without being asked any questions. On occasion, they did not even see you taking the key.

"After getting into the office in question, the strong-room key can be found hidden behind the corner of a table and the vault combination is written on a piece of paper. A policeman working in another department could have figured out how to do this or he could have discovered it by chance."

According to Commissioner Magnusson, who serves on the investigative commission, a number of the persons questioned are no longer on "the list of suspects." A technical investigation has been made of all the available materials, except for fingerprints on the plastic bags.

Fingerprints

"A number of fingerprints have been taken. But since most of them should be obtained legally, that part of the investigation has also been time-consuming."

Commissioner Olle Rispling with the technical division of Stockholm Police Department:

"We know from experience that it is difficult to trace fingerprints on materials like these. A lot of work remains to be done."

The investigative commission and Huddinge police are getting a lot of tips from the public. Most of them have been discredited directly. Investigators are also getting inside tips from the police in Huddinge and other districts.

At least six policemen have been involved in the actual transportation of narcotics between Huddinge police station and Sweden's Technical Crime Laboratory (SKL) in Linköping. Two crimes may be linked to a confiscated amount of drugs that was sent to SKL in 1976. The laboratory reported that the 10 bags of heroin and 2 bags of amphetamine contained pure, first-class goods. Two policemen came to pick up these

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drugs. After it was discovered that one of the amphetamine bags had been stolen, the remainder was sent back to SKL by two policemen.

Diluted

SKL later reported that the contents of two bags of heroin had been falsified, but that the rest of the bags were intact. A short time later it was reported that half of the contents of the amphetamine bag had been diluted with sugar.

According to the spokesman for Huddinge Police Department, there is speculation that two crimer may be involved here. A policeman, or another person who knew the local situation well, could have stolen one bag of amphetamine not knowing that the contents of two bags of heroin and the other bag of amphetamine had already been diluted by another criminal, who was not necessarily connected with the police department.

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TURKEY

BRIEFS

HEROIN SEIZURE IN ISTANBUL--Acting on a tip, Narcotics Branch teams raided a hotel in the Aksaray quarter of Istanbul. In the course of the raid, they seized 2 kilos of heroin valued at 60 million lira packed in boxes of peppers that were prepared for shipment out of the country. According to information supplied by Istanbul Narcotics Branch Director Korkut Onder, teams raided the Capital Hotel in the Aksaray quarter of the city the night before last. While searching the belongings of one Kemal El Sait, a tourist residing in room No 3 at the hotel, they discovered packets hidden amongst boxes of peppers which, when opened, were found to be filled with heroin. During interrogation, the Egyptian tourist, who was arrested for possession of 60 TL worth of heroin, claimed that the heroin belonged to the owner of the hotel. As a result, the hotel owner Mustafa Karaboga and the director of the hotel Muhittin Sezgin were also taken into custody. [Text] [Istanbul GUNAYDIN in Turkish 21 Apr 79 p 3]

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